

1996 MAY 13

THE JERUSALEM POST BOOK DEPT. 15 Over, Sun, Thurs 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 10 Erez, Kook St. Downtown Jerusalem Tel. 02-241282

THE JERUSALEM POST

The States await!

From Israel, just dial: 177-100-2727



VOLUME LXIII, NUMBER 19266

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1996 - OF NAB 15, 5756 - C - TRU ALPHABET 17, 605

US 441 RELAT 1996 \$3.00

Pullout from Hebron not expected until after elections

THE government has decided not to completely redeploy from Hebron until after the upcoming elections, according to weekend media reports.

Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said after consultations between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and senior army officers that "no date had been set" for withdrawing troops from Hebron.

The announcement raised speculation that the pullout would be postponed until after the elections. The redeployment was originally scheduled for March, but delayed by Hamas suicide bombings that killed 59 people.

A senior political source said Friday that he believes Peres will decide on a symbolic redeployment before the elec-

tions, leaving the bulk of the withdrawal for afterward. He said the symbolic move would likely take the form of a withdrawal from one or two posts which are not considered critical.

A statement issued by Peres's office after he met the top army brass at the Defense Ministry and comments Orr made to Israel Radio indicated that redeployment was not imminent.

Prime Minister Peres asserted today that Israel is committed to the decision on the redeployment of the Israeli army in Hebron, the statement read.

"Israel will coordinate the manner in which the redeployment is to be carried out with Palestinian Authority security elements in order to ensure implementation of the [Israel-PLO] agreement,"

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

it said, without setting a timetable for the discussions.

Asked when a pullout would occur, Orr said: "I cannot say now what the exact timing will be because we have to complete the coordination with the Palestinians and then it will take place."

Orr said Israel's election day was a "convenient date for provocation" in Hebron.

"This indicates Mr. Peres despises the peace process as a whole," Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe told Channel 1. "Each time he promises and does not fulfill," he said.

Senior Palestinian official Faisal Husseini said: "I believe they must with-

draw due to the agreement and the timing we were talking about and we agreed upon. Any kind of delay is not a good sign and it is not helpful."

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu hinted on Friday he not only welcomed a delay in the Hebron pullout, but would favor expanding the Jewish settlement in the city.

"What is needed in Hebron is a continuous Jewish settlement from Beit Hadassah to Kiryat Arba," Netanyahu said in an interview with Channel 2.

Asked if he meant adding settlers, Netanyahu said: "I didn't talk about numbers. What is needed is a geographical continuum of the Jewish enclave

that connects it to Kiryat Arba."

Among those participating in Friday's meeting on Hebron were Foreign Minister Ehud Barak, the chief of general staff, the head of military intelligence, the General Security Service chief, and the OC Central Command.

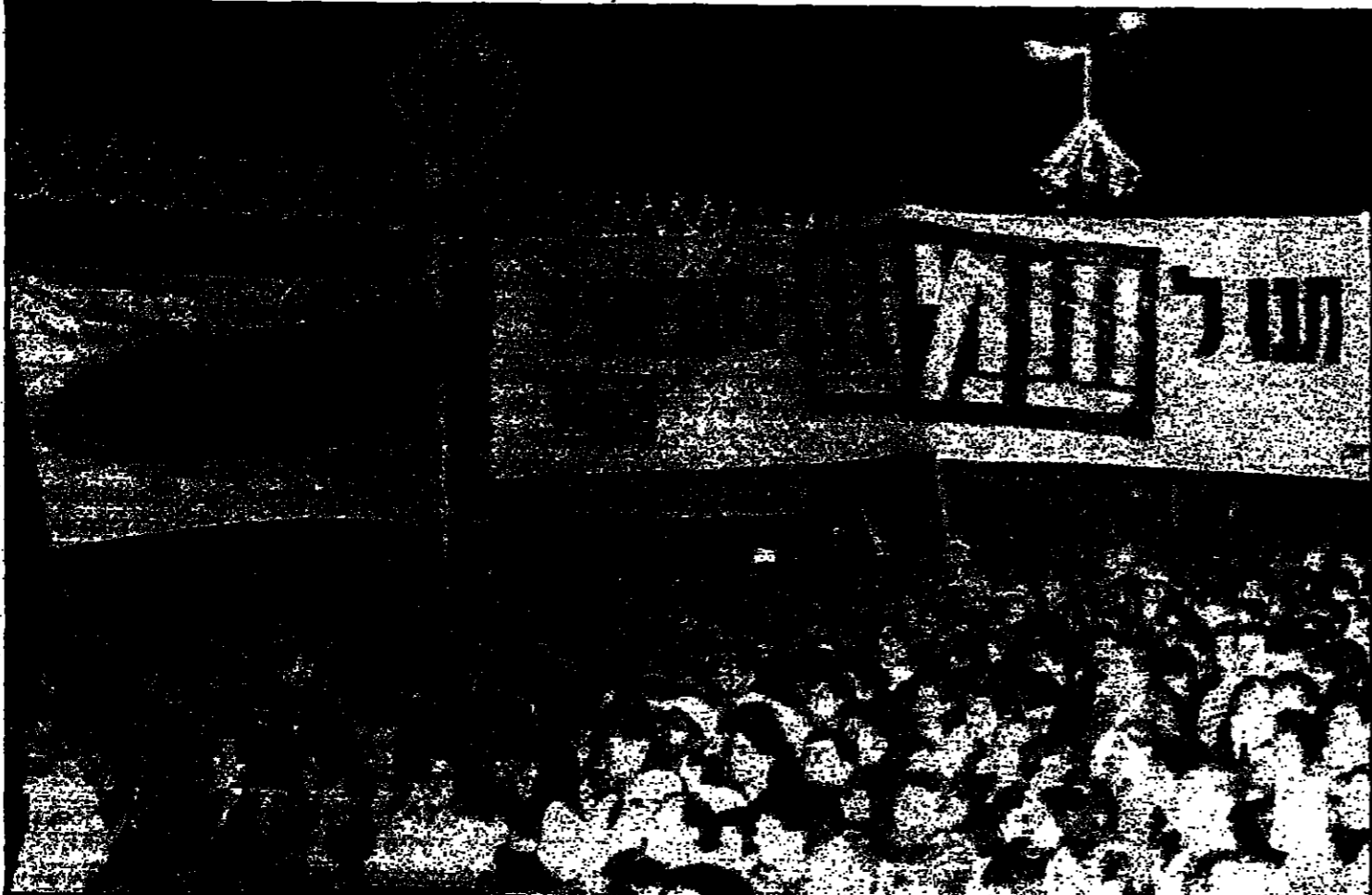
The security officials said they preferred to postpone the withdrawal, saying they needed more time to complete the redeployment and improve security arrangements for the settlers who will remain in Hebron. Security officials estimated the Palestinians would accept the presentation of a plan for a staged withdrawal based on a firm timetable.

The elections were also a clear consideration. It was estimated that a complete withdrawal from Hebron before

the elections would stir a major right-wing wave of demonstrations.

Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef also made clear that the withdrawal should be postponed until after the elections.

Reacting to the government statement, Meretz Knesset faction chairman MK Ran Cohen said it was an embarrassing capitulation to radical settlers on the one hand, and an achievement for Hamas and Islamic Jihad on the other. He added that the failure to withdraw from Hebron was a serious and dangerous blow to the peace process, and ran contrary to the political legacy of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and his signature on the peace agreements with the Palestinians.



Thousands of people attend the memorial rally in Kikar Yitzhak Rabin last night to mark six months since the prime minister's assassination. (Israel Sun)

Thousands attend Rabin memorial rally

MICHAL YUDELMAN

TENS of thousands, mostly young people, came to Kikar Yitzhak Rabin last night to take part in a rally in memory of the late prime minister, assassinated six months ago after speaking at a peace rally at the square.

The association Dor Shaleim Dorash Shalom (A Whole Generation is Demanding Peace), which organized the rally, said it would not be political but would express the people's desire for peace and their support for the peace process which Rabin had led.

The organizers had to cut out parts of a recording of Rabin's last speech played at the rally, under the orders of Justice Theodor Orr, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, to prevent engaging in election propaganda.

Leah Rabin, the main speaker at the rally, said that even after the Hamas terrorist at-

tacks "we knew we must get up and continue the peace train, despite the difficulties and obstacles. We won't let any radical lunatic element sabotage the way to peace. You are aware of Rabin's legacy and are here today to carry it out."

The silent majority now knows it must be silent no longer and speak out for what it believes, Rabin said afterward. "The rally here tonight is an expression of this. These people are saying: 'We are here and we want peace.' We are here to remember him and to say we are committed to walk in his footsteps and realize the peace he tried to bring."

Hundreds of policemen guarded the square, dominated by Meretz and Peace

Now posters and banners calling for peace and Labor posters supporting Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

A portrait of Yitzhak Rabin hung behind the stage, and a huge blue-and-white sign saying, "Continuing with the peace, *haver*" (a take-off on the slogan coined by US President Bill Clinton after Rabin's death, *Shalom haver*), hung on the front of the stage.

The rally, hosted by Gila Almagor and Didi Harari, consisted mainly of the performances of prominent singers, including Aviv Gefen, who sang "I'm Going to Cry For You," the song he sang at Rabin's rally. Danny Robas, Danny Litani, Hava Alberstein, Rami Kleinstein, Shlomo Gronich, Gali Atari, Yafa Yarkoni, Samir Shukri, Zehava Ben, Shlomi Shabbat, Arik Sinai, Shmulik Kraus and many others.

'Norwegian leaders supported termination of Jewish state'

STEVE RODAN

NORWEGIAN Foreign Minister Bjorn Tore Godal, who was part of his government's sponsorship of the secret Israeli-PLO talks in Oslo in 1993, was once in the vanguard of a political campaign that supported the demise of Israel as a Jewish state, the daily newspaper *Dagen* reported yesterday.

The Norwegian daily *Dagen* bases its report on the book of a former secretary-general of Norway's ruling Labor Party, Haakon Lie. Lie, regarded as a strong supporter of Israel, traced today's Norwegian leaders from their student days in the early 1970s when they were passionate advocates of the PLO and a Palestinian secular state that would replace Israel.

In his book *As I See It, Part Two*, Lie reports that at the convention of the Labor Party's Youth Organization [AUF] in 1971, its chairman, Godal, approved the following statement: "The AUF will support the forces which struggle for the national and social liberation of the Palesti-

nian people. The qualification for lasting peace must be that Israel ceases to exist as a Jewish state and that a progressive Palestinian state is established where all ethnic groups can live side by side in complete equality."

A Labor Party official told *The Jerusalem Post* that the AUF under Godal supported the PLO in the 1970s but added he could not immediately confirm the existence of the resolution.

"I can say that Mr. Godal's position has since changed," the official, who did not want to be named, said.

Godal's spokesman, Ingvard Havnen, told the *Post* that a search of AUF minutes during the 1971 convention did not turn up the statement cited in Lie's book. "We are not ready to verify that the AUF accepted the resolution," Havnen said. "The foreign minister himself could not remember such a resolution."

Asked whether Godal today agrees with the resolution cited by Lie, Havnen said, "He would think that this is totally irrelevant as we have not verified that this was actually passed."

The *Dagen* describes the AUF resolution as the turning point in Norway's previously warm relations with Israel. "Shortly afterward, the same attitude [as in the (Continued on Page 3)]

Channel 1: France granting humanitarian aid to Hizbullah

News agencies

FRANCE is extending "humanitarian aid" to Lebanon through Hizbullah, citing the fact that Hizbullah performs humanitarian services, Channel 1 reported last night.

Meanwhile, President Jacques Chirac said France's renewed commitment to Lebanon was demonstrated by a shipment of equipment on Friday to help repair power stations hit by the IDF.

"I wanted to show...our solidarity toward civilian populations hard hit by the recent fighting," Chirac said in a letter asking French Defense Minister Charles Millon to pass on thanks to the navy for the shipment.

He said the delivery of four electrical transformers to Lebanon by the landing ship *Foudre* was "a strong, concrete and rapid sign of France's renewed commitment to Lebanon's side."

The transformers will help to repair the Jambour and Bealecm substations near Beirut.

FBI warns Jewish groups of retaliation threats in US

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal agents warned Jewish groups Friday of an anonymous threat to murder 1,200 Jewish executives and physicians in the US unless Israel withdraws its military forces from Lebanon by today.

"There is no way to know at this time if the threat is real, but the FBI believes that Jewish organizations, synagogues and individuals should, for their own safety, be on heightened alert,"

an FBI statement said. The FBI said the anonymous threat also demanded that Israel pay \$12 billion by today to compensate Lebanese killed in recent Middle East fighting.

The FBI has notified Israel of the threat and is also relaying the information to other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The threat was received by a private party who turned it over to the bureau, the FBI said.

Final status talks begin today in Taba

BATSHEVA TSUR and JON IMMANUEL

THREE years of negotiations on the final status of the most difficult issues still outstanding between Israel and the Palestinians will begin in Taba today.

The opening session of talks today is expected to last some three hours, with the discussion centering on preliminary clarification of procedural matters. The substantive items on the agenda are Jerusalem, settlements, refugees, political status and final borders. Water will also be discussed.

The talks will adjourn tonight until after the May 29 elections.

The Israeli team to the third round of talks - known as Oslo 3

- will be headed by Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir and Palestinian Authority top negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen). The seven representatives on the Israeli negotiating team include IDF generals and economic experts, in addition to Foreign Ministry officials.

The date of the talks was fixed in the first round of negotiations with the Palestinians in Oslo. At the time, it was stipulated they would be completed by May 4, 1999.

"The venue and nature of the negotiations will be decided at [today's] meeting," Abbas told Reuter. "The committees could meet in different places. The talks will be held in secret and we will not negotiate through

the press," Abbas said. "If talks are conducted intensively, we hope to finish in two years or less, but because we are dealing with tough issues talks might go on for three years," he added.

Abbas told the Voice of Palestine that the talks will be difficult and "both parties need three years to get to know each other very well, to know their rights and their obligations. But we are not starting from zero."

At the Palestinian Authority cabinet meeting yesterday, ministers said the final talks should lead to a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

"Our aims are very clear," said PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath. "We have to establish our Palestinian independent state... this is the real negotiation."

Israel rejects UN findings it targeted UNIFIL Kana base

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

THE government yesterday rejected initial UN findings that it had deliberately targeted UNIFIL's Fijian battalion headquarters in Kana village, killing over 100 civilians last month.

"We were not aiming at the camp," said Government Press Office Director Uri Dromi.

"We knew we were firing near a UN base, but we were aiming a couple of hundred meters away, precisely where Katyushas and mortars were fired from just minutes before," Dromi said. "Unfortunately, two of the shells overshoot and hit the civilians."

The government has maintained that it was unaware there were refugees at the camp.

Diplomats in New York, familiar with an early incomplete report, said on Friday that the investigation found that, in the absence of concrete evidence from Israel, the UN was forced to conclude that Israel knew it was firing at the camp.

"Something went seriously wrong at a point down the chain of [Israeli] command," the diplomats said, quoting from the report. But they said the words "deliberate" or "intentional" were not expected to be used in any final version.

No details of the findings have

Dromi said the soldiers had not deviated from procedure when they fired near the UN post.

"Peacekeepers knew that if Katyushas were fired from near UN posts they should take cover immediately because we would fire back," he said.

The final UN investigation into the incident is expected to be published this week.

The inquiry was carried out by Lt.-Gen. Frank Van Kappen, of Holland, at the behest of UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Van Kappen and his team visited Kana and interviewed Fijian soldiers, UNIFIL officers, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, and senior IDF officers.

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel, who has not yet seen a copy of the report, said last night that Israel's delegation to the UN was informed on Thursday of the main findings of the inquiry and that Israel had been invited to respond to the findings by tomorrow.

No details of the findings have

been released officially, although apparent leaks from the report have already begun appearing in the foreign press.

According to the London-based weekly *Foreign Report*, the UN inquiry found that over 20 shells fell in and near the camp.

According to the article and other foreign television and news agency reports, the Hizbullah gunmen had positioned their weapons in the Kana village cemetery - around 200 meters from the UNIFIL base.

The *Foreign Report* article, said that a Hizbullah squad had fired at IDF troops in the area with eight mortar rounds and two Katyusha rockets.

The reports said the Hizbullah squad had been tipped off about the presence of an IDF unit in the area and had opened fire at them.

According to the reports, the mission of the IDF unit had been to plant mines on the hilltop route between the nearby villages of Zibqine and Hiniyeh because Hizbullah was known to use the area for launching attacks.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres revealed last week that an IDF unit, whose mission was to help prevent the launching of Katyusha (Continued on Page 3)

DEAR SUBSCRIBERS: IN ORDER TO SERVE YOU BETTER!

If for some reason you do not receive your Post and you want us to deliver another copy, please call: 02-315610, 03-6390333, 04-8623166, or your local agent, before 10:00 am. Thank you for your cooperation.



Qatari minister: Peace possible only with Jerusalem as capital of Palestine

A DAY before Israel and the PLO were to begin negotiations over the future of Jerusalem, a Qatari minister said yesterday that there would be no peace unless Jerusalem was the capital of a Palestinian state.

Qatari Justice Minister Najib bin Mohammed Naemi said there could be "no real final settlement between the Palestinians and the Israelis without Jerusalem as the main capital of a Palestinian state."

Naemi spoke at Bir Zeit University in Ramallah where he signed a deal on behalf of the Gulf state, pledging funds to pay for an international law center and new library for the West Bank university. His comments on Jerusalem were greeted by applause from the 150 faculty members present at the signing ceremony.

On Friday, Naemi visited Orient House in Jerusalem, after praying at Al-Aksa. He was welcomed at the PLO headquarters in the capital by members of the Palestinian Council, including Hanan

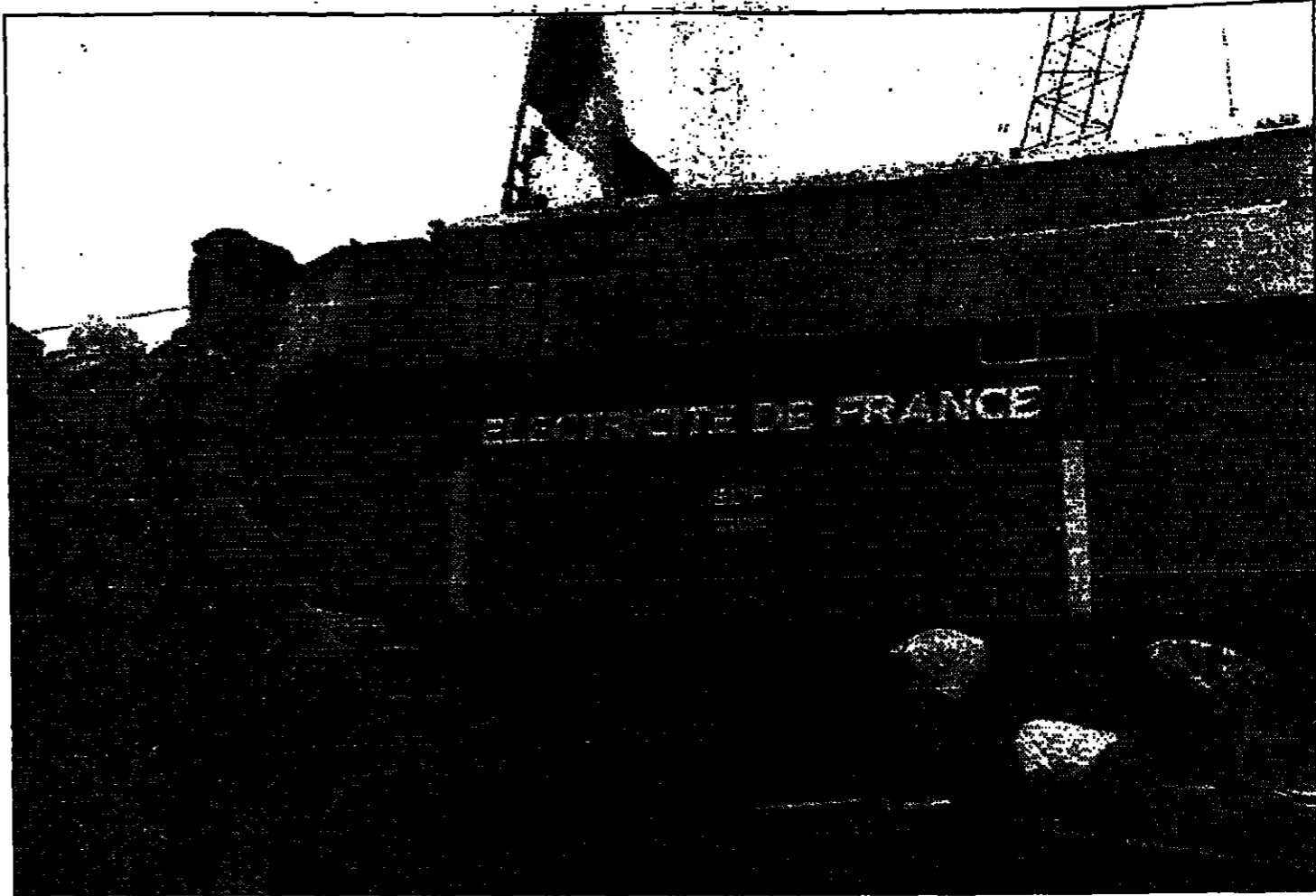
Ashrawi and Ziyad Abu Zayyad. "My visit is both official and personal," Naemi said upon entering Orient House. "I have come to support the Palestinian Authority's position of establishing a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital."

Naemi, who arrived on Thursday, also met Friday with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza.

Naemi confirmed that he had met with some Israelis during his visit, but said he had no official connections with the Israeli government while here.

Faisal Hussein, who holds the Jerusalem portfolio in the PA, said there was nothing unusual about the Qatari minister visiting Orient House. "We host political figures from all over the world and we are happy to receive the Qatari justice minister."

Both Hussein and Ashrawi condemned Israel for delaying IDF redeployment from Hebron. "It is not a good sign," Hussein said. Ashrawi said Israel "was violating the Oslo Accords" on the Hebron issue, but emphasized that it was a separate issue from the final status talks, which should start today as scheduled.



A Lebanese army soldier watches as a power transformer from France is unloaded in Beirut's port on Friday. (AP)

Yassin: Israel has right to exist under certain conditions

ISRAEL has the right to exist next to a Palestinian state under certain conditions, imprisoned Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin said in an interview broadcast on Friday.

"There can be peace... We should live next to the state of Israel... If you give me my rights

JON IMMANUEL

and let me live in tranquillity there will be peace between you and us. But there cannot be peace on the basis of subjugation," Yassin said on the Channel 1 interview.

Yassin, 60, who was jailed

seven years ago for sanctioning attacks on IDF soldiers, did not define the borders of Israel he deems acceptable, but Hamas spokesmen in the past have talked of a return to 1967 borders, the removal of settlements, and Jerusalem becoming the capital of Palestine as the basis of a renewable cease-fire.

Yassin implied that Hamas would recognize an agreement reached between the Palestinian Authority and Israel which gave the Palestinians their rights.

He said he respects the Palestinian National Council's decision to amend its covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, since the alternative would be to fight against the PA, which he said he finds unacceptable.

Yassin said he recognized Yasser Arafat as the head of the PA, explaining "If I don't accept Abu Ammar as president of the state of Palestine and leader of the Palestinian people, the meaning would be that I accept Israel in his place." Hamas rejected the PNC's order to amend the covenant. Yassin's role as Hamas leader has been overtaken by more radical elements who prefer to fight the PA than accept it. Gaza Chief of Preventive Security Mohammed Dahlan said yesterday that the armed wing of Hamas had plotted to blow up buildings and properties of the Palestinian Authority as well as assassinate Arafat and other figures including security chief Musa Arafat. "We have arrested almost all the members of the Hamas armed underground, but we are not arresting anybody who is not involved in planned attacks," Dahlan said.

Syrian papers: Punish Israel for 'brutal crimes' in Lebanon

DAMASCUS (AP) - State-run Syrian newspapers have called for Israel to be punished for its "brutal crimes" in Lebanon.

At least 91 refugees were killed April 18 when Israel shelled a UN compound at Kana in south Lebanon. Israel said its gunners actually had been targeting terrorists 300 meters from the compound.

Referring to the report, the daily *Tishrin* wrote yesterday: "All evidence and facts disclose that the criminal deliberately committed his crimes against the displaced Lebanese." *Tishrin* wrote that Israeli leaders should be brought to an international court to face charges in the massacre.

Another government-run newspaper, *Al-Thawra*, demanded international sanctions against Israel, accusing it of "state-organized terrorism." The Arab League secretary-general Dr. Ismat Abdel Magid last week was quoted in the London-based *Al-Hayat* that the Kana killings were "worse than Nazi methods during World War Two."

Meanwhile, Lebanese President Elias Hrawi yesterday met President Hafez Assad to discuss the continued implementation of a cease-fire between Hizbullah and Israeli forces.

Although Syria was not directly involved in last month's fighting, it is the key power in Lebanon and its assent was needed to bring 16 days of fighting to an end April 27. Hrawi and Assad met in the northwestern city of Latakia on the Mediterranean coast.

No details were given of their agenda, but they were expected to discuss the formation of an international committee to supervise the truce.

Zvilli: Netanyahu deceiving public

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

LABOR Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli slammed Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday for "once again trying to lead the public astray."

Zvilli was referring to Netanyahu's statements over the weekend that he would increase the number of Jewish settlers in Hebron and add more settlements. Zvilli said this contradicted Netanyahu's previous pledges to continue the peace process and recognize the Oslo Accords.

He said Netanyahu's policy, according to the statements,

would "distort once again the order of priorities set by the Rabin and Peres governments, redirect financial resources from the needy quarters, the Negov and the Galilee, to the villages of the settlers in Judea and Samaria, blow up the peace process, and cause 1.8 million Palestinians to return to the course of terrorism."

Zvilli charged Netanyahu with "either deceiving the public, yet again, when he said he would

advance the peace process, or [lacking] a minimal understanding of political processes as a result of his inexperience."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres refused to be interviewed on Channel 2's Friday night program, to which Netanyahu was invited as well, leaving the stage clear for the exclusive appearance of the opposition's candidate for prime minister.

Labor campaign sources said yesterday that it is Peres's policy

not to be interviewed in programs with the opposition head, so as not to grant Netanyahu an equal status.

Peres and Netanyahu will take part in one television debate on May 26.

Today, Labor and Meretz intend to sign a surplus vote agreement in the Knesset, as they did in the previous elections.

The agreement is to be signed by Meretz's Knesset faction chairman MK Ran Cohen, and his Labor counterpart MK Ra'anan Cohen.

Five die in weekend road accidents

FIVE people died and six were injured as a result of weekend traffic accidents.

Arif Turgeeman, 27, of Rishon LeZion died yesterday morning of injuries suffered when he was hit by a Dan company bus in Tel Aviv last week.

On Friday, an Australian tourist was killed and three other people suffered light to serious injuries in an accident near Kibbutz Nahshon, near the Latrun Junction. The accident occurred when the tourist, who worked as a sheep shearer at Mazkeret Bayta, was visiting the kibbutz along with another tourist and two Israelis. When the four left the kibbutz, their car overturned, killing the man and injuring the others. Police are investigating whether they were drunk at the time of the accident.

Early yesterday morning, two people were killed near Kibbutz Ein Gev, with one of them identified as Jinji Hameed, 21, of Kfar Shibli.

Meanwhile, a Kiryat Malachi

man, who was speeding, to the scene of an accident in which he had been told his father had been killed, escaped unhurt Thursday after his car overturned twice. Shafori Gabisi, 68, of Moshav Azrikam was killed when a semi-trailer driven by a Kfarit man backed up over him.

When his son, Eli, heard about the accident he jumped into his car and drove quickly down the winding road between the moshavim. Near Be'er Tuvia, he lost control and overturned twice, but escaped injury. The driver of the semi-trailer is to be charged with manslaughter.

A seven-year-old boy was seriously injured last night when he ran into the middle of the street in Ramle and was struck by a car. He was taken to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. A four-year-old boy was seriously injured Friday when he was struck by the shovel of a tractor which fell on him. He was also taken to Tel Hashomer, and police launched an investigation into possible negligence. (Tm)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jamchee questioned about gambling
Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball player Doron Jamchee was questioned by police Thursday regarding the alleged illegal sports gambling operation. Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team chairman Shimon Mizrahi, who accompanied Jamchee - who is also the captain of the Israeli national team - told Army Radio that police at the National Crimes Investigation Unit in Petah Tikva "wanted to check a few things with him, and that's what happened." Jamchee is the first basketball player to be interrogated about the matter, following the questioning of 11 National League soccer players in the past week. (Tm)

Casbah stabber caught
The stabber of Nissim Gidawi, the 72-year-old man attacked in the Hebron casbah on Wednesday, was arrested Friday by the Palestinian police in Bethlehem. Israel TV reported last night. Gidawi, from Kiryat Arba, was shopping in the Arab vegetable market when the assailant stabbed him in the back and fled. He was seriously wounded. The television identified the suspect as Iyad Salah, from Bethlehem, and quoted police sources as saying he was already being tried. The stabbing renewed demands from settlers and others to stop IDF redeployment from Hebron. (Jon Immanuel)

IDF shells S. Lebanon infiltrators
IDF artillery fired on gunmen attempting to infiltrate the security zone yesterday, security sources reported. It was the second time Israeli forces have been in action since the US-brokered cease-fire on April 26 that ended Operation Grapes of Wrath. The understanding does not preclude gunmen from attacking Israeli forces or the IDF firing back provided civilians and population centers are not targeted. The security sources said an outpost at Sojed named by the SLA spotted infiltrators in the Iqnaa Valley, in the zone's central sector. They called in Israeli artillery support and some 25 155mm howitzers shells were fired, the sources reported. (AP)

Taxi driver stabbed by Palestinians
A taxi driver was stabbed Friday afternoon by two Palestinians near Tulkarm. He was lightly injured. According to reports, the driver stopped his car to talk to the two Palestinians who flagged him down and offered to buy his car. During the conversation, they stabbed him in his body and head with a long screwdriver, then stole his car. Security forces arrived at the scene, treated the driver and began searches for the assailants. (Tm)

Peace Now visits Hebron
Peace Now activists paid a solidarity visit to Hebron yesterday, to press for an IDF withdrawal from the city. They had planned to tour the city, but were blocked by soldiers. Peace Now activist Prof. Galia Golan told her hosts, "We came to emphasize our determination to see an Israeli withdrawal from the city, as agreed in the Oslo accords." (Jon Immanuel)

Senior Saudi cleric blasts US, Israel in sermon

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) - In an unusually outspoken sermon, a leading Saudi cleric attacked Israel and the US, saying US-sponsored Middle East peace moves were biased in Israel's favor.

Addressing an estimated one million worshippers in the Grand Mosque in Mecca on Friday, Sheikh Saleh bin Hamid said it should come as no surprise if a new generation of Arab "terrorists" and "extremists" emerge as a result of last month's Israeli bombardment in Lebanon.

Sheikh Saleh's sermon, excerpts of which were published in Saudi newspapers yesterday, was exceptionally outspoken by the standards of Saudi Arabia, the US's closest Arab ally.

His remarks reflected Arab ire at the Clinton administration's failure to quickly halt the Israeli offensive. That, many Arabs argue, underlined what they perceive as the administration's lack of even-handedness in the Middle East.

"From the womb of these tragedies will come all sorts of violence, bloodshed... How can you rule out that terrorists and extremists will emerge from the corpses and destroyed houses?" he asked.

"What kind of peace is this one which will turn the region into a mine of cheap labor and a consumer market without a will of its own?"

Referring to the US as "the decision-making party," Sheikh Saleh said US Middle East policies "will not bring about peace and will not silence the oppressed."

Criticism of the US is rare in the oil-rich kingdom, whose government does not tolerate any form of dissent and exercises tight control over the media.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing
of our beloved

Dr. ALFRED ENGEL

Pediatrician and Honored Citizen of Jerusalem.

The funeral took place in Jerusalem
on Friday, May 3, 1996.

The Gluzman and Zohary families

The Goldmuntz Family
mourn the passing of

EDGART GOLDMUNTZ

May 2, 1996

WOLFRAM MARIA RAINER

Born on March 24th, 1956

Died on May 2nd, 1996

He was deeply attached to this country.

We will always be grateful
for our short time together.

Susanne and Clara

With deep sorrow we announce
the tragic death
of our colleague and friend

WOLFRAM RAINER

Counsellor and Head of the Legal Department
of the German Embassy, Tel Aviv

who was killed in a road accident on

May 2, 1996.

He loved this country and its people.

Ambassador Dr. Franz Bertele
and the Staff of the German Embassy,
Tel Aviv

سكنا من الاجل

53 die as Sudanese plane crashes in sandstorm

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) - Police yesterday recovered the last of the 53 bodies of passengers and crew killed when a Sudanese airliner crashed into a house while trying to make an emergency landing in a sandstorm.

Twenty-six of the dead were students at Bahr el-Ghazal University in southern Sudan who were flying from the provincial capital of Wau to Khartoum aboard the plane operated by the private Federal Airlines.

The Russian-built Antonov 24 came down in the suburb of Haj Yusef, about 20 kilometers north of the capital's international airport about 10 p.m. Friday, police officials said.

The pilot, judging visibility too poor to land at the airport, had apparently tried to bring the craft down in an area cleared for construction of a new airport outside the capital, the officials said, insisting on anonymity.

They said the jet struck a newly built house near the cleared field. The house, which was not yet inhabited, was virtually destroyed.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency quoted in-

formation Minister Brig. el-Tayeb Ibrahim Mohamed Kheir as blaming the accident on poor visibility from the sandstorm.

There were no survivors among the 48 passengers and the crew of five, the officials said. All the victims were Sudanese. No deaths or injuries were reported on the ground.

Among the dead was Moheideen Abdullah al-Faqeeh, a retired general who was the manager of Federal Airlines, operator of the plane.

The flight originated at Wau, the capital of Bahr el-Ghazal state about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) southwest of Khartoum, and had made a stop at el-Obeid in Kordofan state en route to the capital.

Last Feb. 26, a C-130 transport belonging to the Sudanese military crashed at Jebel Aulia, a village 24 miles south of the capital. All 91 people aboard were killed.

Military officials blamed the crash on mechanical problems. The Sudanese military is said to be short of spare parts because few Western countries are willing to sell it arms and military equipment.

Aznar to be Spain's new PM after 13-year era of Socialism

MADRID (Reuters) - A 13-year era of Socialist rule ended in Spain yesterday when conservative leader Jose Maria Aznar was appointed prime minister in a moderate platform, promising strict austerity to put the economic house in order.

A usually dour former tax inspector, Aznar, 43, laughed and joked as he celebrated what he called "a good day, a good day for Spanish democracy - and a good day for yours truly."

Aznar, who defeated his long-serving Socialist predecessor Felipe Gonzalez in an early election two months ago, won 181 votes in the 350-seat parliament at the end of a two-day debate on his investiture. He will be sworn in by King Juan Carlos today and will then announce his cabinet.

Short of an outright majority but backed by smaller regional parties, Aznar and his center-right Popular Party have pledged to do whatever it takes to cut Spain's budget deficit and to join the planned European single currency. They will also strive to cut a massive unemployment rate of 22.7 percent - Europe's highest - and to avoid corruption scandals such as those that precipitated the Socialist's fall.

But in eight weeks of bargaining for support from regional par-

ties to be able to win yesterday's investiture vote, Aznar has shed what his critics used to see as an extremist pro-business attitude patterned after that of former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher.

He has ceded greater powers to Spain's already semi-autonomous regions. His earlier disdain for regional languages has vanished - he now describes Catalan as one of the world's most perfect tongues - and so have tough-sounding pledges to crush ETA Basque separatist rebels with extraordinary measures.

Responding to Socialist electoral advertisements depicting him as a far-rightist, Aznar told parliament in his investiture speech he hoped his appointment would once and for all erase the left-right mistrust that still scars Spain 60 years after its civil war.

Outgoing prime minister Gonzalez, one of Europe's longest-serving leaders, shook Aznar's hand and grabbed his arm as he congratulated him on the parliamentary floor after the vote.

"I've wished him all the best," said Gonzalez, who prides himself on having completed Spain's metamorphosis from international pariah under dictator Francisco Franco to a leading member of the European Union.

British mad cow battle hits new obstacle

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's battle to wipe out mad cow disease and restore world-wide confidence in its beef hit a new obstacle yesterday just a day after the start of a mass slaughter of cattle.

An opposition Labor MP said he believed some farmers were still giving infected feed to cattle despite a 1989 ban, and questioned the need for a massive cull.

Cattle contracted bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) by eating feed containing remains of sheep who died from the brain disorder scrapie.

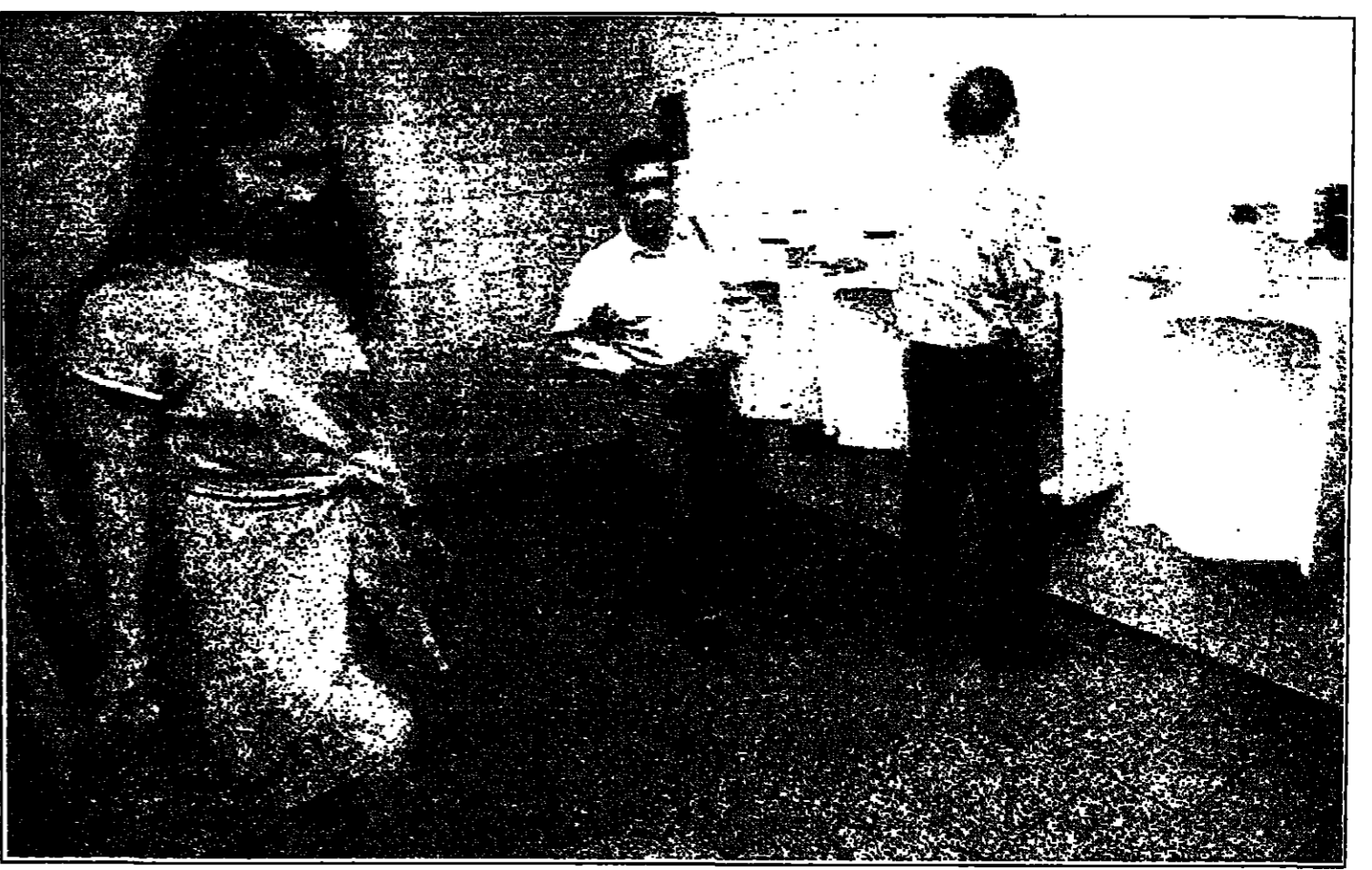
The British government acknowledged in March that there could be a link between BSE and its fatal human equivalent Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease (CJD). Countries around the world slapped a ban on British beef which has yet to be lifted.

Labor MP Gavin Strang said that in the first three months of this year, two-thirds of cows diagnosed as having BSE were born after feed which included animal products had been banned.

Strang said he was convinced contaminated food, rather than cows passing on the disease to their offspring, was the main cause of BSE victims after the feed was banned.

"There is no doubt, everyone accepts, farmers and vets, that the feed is the major cause, if not the only cause. We have really got to get to the bottom of this," Strang told BBC radio.

Britain on Friday started a mass slaughter program designed to restore faith in British beef. But Strang said efforts should be concentrated on identifying the continued outbreak of the disease.



A Taiwanese woman walks out from a cubicle at a men's public toilet at the Taipei train station yesterday as two men stand by urinals. A local women's rights group has launched a campaign encouraging women to use men's public toilets because they say ladies' toilets are often too small and overcrowded. (Reuters)

New S. African violence as parties seek constitutional compromise

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - South African negotiators prepared for a last-ditch attempt to break a constitutional deadlock which stalled the country's move to democracy as fresh violence erupted in the volatile Zulu heartland on Saturday.

Negotiators from the ruling African National Congress (ANC) and white minority parties took a breather on Saturday before holding new talks in a bid to break the deadlock over mostly white single-language schools which could force a referendum.

The deadlock, five days before a legal deadline of May 9 for submission of the draft 120-page text to parliament's constitutional assembly, raised the possibility of a national referendum that would produce winners and losers instead of the united, non-racial front South Africa is striving to preserve.

South Africa's problems were highlighted on Saturday when renewed violence flared in the troubled KwaZulu-Natal province, where eight people including three policemen were wounded in shooting incidents during a march by 7,000 Zulus.

The Zulu marchers, aligned to the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, were protesting against a government ban on the carrying of so-called traditional weapons when the clashes broke out between marchers and police.

Inkatha, which won control of KwaZulu-Natal after the 1994 all-race elections, walked out of the constitution-writing process last year over demands for international mediation.

More than 14,000 people have been killed in the province since the mid-1980s in feuding between the Inkatha and Mandela's ANC.

The country's former apartheid rulers warned on Saturday after negotiators reported deadlock on the future of Afrikaans-language education that it would be difficult for them to support the new constitution.

"Should a fair agreement not be reached, it will be difficult for the National Party (NP) to lend its support to the new constitution," Deputy President and NP's leader F.W. de Klerk said.

Chief NP negotiator Roelf Meyer said the

party would seek new talks with the ANC on Sunday with an eye on Tuesday's last opportunity for amendment of the constitutional draft before it is put to vote on Wednesday.

But Afrikaans newspapers reported on Saturday that a referendum could still be avoided even if agreement was not reached on the education issue.

The Beeld and Die Burger newspapers said it was possible for the NP, which created apartheid in 1948 and abolished it nearly 50 years later, to vote for the constitution under protest but then walk out of President Nelson Mandela's government of national unity.

The reports gave no further details and NP officials were not immediately available for comment.

The NP has insisted on an education clause in the Bill of Rights that makes possible the survival of state-funded Afrikaans-language schools - which are largely white.

The ANC opposes this as an attempt to perpetuate apartheid but has offered guarantees that every child would be taught in his home language in multi-lingual schools.

Dissension rises in Congress party as third round of Indian polling starts

NEW DELHI (AP) - Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao faced dissension from within his party yesterday as India prepared for a final round of elections which the party may lose after holding power nearly five decades.

Recent polls predict the opposition Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party will get the largest number of seats.

K. Karunakaran, a member of Rao's Cabinet and his Congress Party's powerful Working Committee was quoted by *The Times of India* newspaper yesterday as saying he will ask for Rao's resignation as party president after the polls. "Whatever is the outcome of the general election, a power struggle in the Congress party seems to be imminent," said the *Observer* newspaper also predicted an internal struggle in a front page report.

The Bharatiya Janata Party, better known as the BJP, is expected to get between 190 and 215 seats in the 545-member

Parliament. Rao's party, which has governed India for all but four years since the country gained independence in 1947, is expected even by its own strategists to get no more than 190 seats. It has been plagued by corruption scandals and internal divisions.

The balance of power is expected to lie with leftist and regional groups, and the Congress Party may have a better chance of forming a ruling coalition than the relatively new BJP.

The first round of voting in the six-phase general elections took place April 27 for 150 seats. Balloting for 204 more took place on Thursday and the third phase is set for Tuesday. Counting starts the next day and, results from all but six constituencies should be known by May 11. Although 60 people have been killed during the current election, it has been relatively peaceful by Indian standards. About 300 people died during the last general election in 1991.

Liberia fighting erupts again despite talk of truce

MONROVIA (Reuters) - Fighting rocked Liberia's capital on Saturday despite talk of a new truce and witnesses said thousands of civilians were trying to flee by sea.

Diplomatic sources said warlord Charles Taylor and his ethnic Krahn foes had told negotiators they would observe a truce following Friday's departure of Krahn leader Roosevelt Johnson to attend a West African peace summit in Ghana.

But Taylor, who launched the civil war from Ivory Coast in 1989, promptly denied all knowledge of any truce and suggested that he personally would not attend next week's peace talks.

"I don't know of any cease-fire

that has been agreed to and the government has not spoken to anyone officially," he told the Cable News Network (CNN) television by telephone.

"The government delegation left here yesterday headed by the chairman of the council of state to attend the heads of state meeting in Accra on Wednesday," he said, adding that the meeting was not a "warning party" meeting.

Taylor characterized the fighting as an attempt by government forces to control the security situation. "It is very, very important to understand that this government and no other government can exist under an atmosphere of lawlessness."

Fighting broke out in Monrovia on April 6 after Taylor and allies on the ruling Council of State sacked Johnson as rural development minister in the interim government and tried to arrest him for murder. Krahn fighters rallied to Johnson.

The diplomatic sources said the Krahn told them on Thursday they would be willing to observe

a cease-fire. Taylor gave his assent after the Americans flew out Johnson, they added.

Taylor's men bombarded the Krahn base at Monrovia's main army barracks on Saturday morning. Later the city was quieter.

Taylor laid the blame on the Krahn and said his men were trying to maintain security for civilians in the city.

NORWEGIAN

Lie's book was published in 1983 and his assertions regarding Godal and his colleagues were never challenged. Sources close to the *Dagen* investigation say the report was published because of Godal's rise to power.

Leif Wellerup, a political analyst who is pro-Israel, said Lie's book provides the answer to those who have been puzzled by the extent of Norway's intensive involvement with the PLO.

"The book makes it easier to understand what has led the present Norwegian government and the Norwegian Labor Party to act as an engine in the process that is about to place Israel in the greatest danger since the country war-born 48 years ago," Wellerup told the *Post* in a telephone interview from Oslo.

Dagen also focuses on other Norwegian leaders, including current Prime Minister Gro Har-

lem Brundtland. As early as 1983, Brundtland, then head of Norway's Labor Party said, "I find Arafat to be an interesting and knowledgeable person. I have not met with an extremist."

Her meeting came several months after Brundtland's colleague in the Labor Party, Reluf Steen, visited Arafat in Tunis, following the PLO's eviction from Beirut.

Steen returned from the meeting, carrying a message from Arafat for Norway to pressure the US to favor the Palestinian cause.

"*Dagen* quotes Steen as saying 'More than before it is now apparent that Arafat is the leader of a movement which contains many political views and ideas but whom manages to gather around a common goal.'"

The newspaper continues: "That the goal is the annihilation of Israel wasn't said but is evident if one reads between the lines."

Baltic leaders close cooperation summit

VISBY, Sweden (AP) - The first-ever Baltic Sea summit was ending yesterday with an agenda for restoring prosperity, stability and a clean environment to all of this once-thriving region.

The Baltic Sea summit brought together 11 government leaders, including German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chornomyrdin, in Visby, a small town on the Swedish island of Gotland. According to a draft copy of the closed meeting's final summary, the leaders called for action in three major areas: increased people-to-people cooperation and civilian security; economic development and integration; and strengthened environmental protection.

The top-level summit was called by Sweden, as current president of the Baltic Sea Council. No binding decisions or joint declaration had been expected. The final statement said the leaders had decided to establish a joint organized crime task force, which will prepare a plan for an 11-nation effort in the time for the next summit in 1997.

Crime from the poorer eastern shores of the Baltic Sea has been an increasing problem for the wealthier nations, including the Nordic countries and Germany, on the western shores.

"Could it be that the Norwegian government's reasons to function as the PLO's locomotive in the 'peace process' is that they hope to achieve an alteration in Jerusalem's status?" *Dagen* asks. "There's very little evidence that can be used to prove that Arafat has changed his original course any more than he changed the covenant."

FINDINGS

question had acted in accordance with regulations.

According to the foreign news reports, the first shells struck the cemetery from where the Hizbullah gunmen had fired at the IDF unit in the field. Then the direction of the shelling, according to the reports, suddenly switched to the UN base.

This version differs from the IDF account, not only in the pattern of firing but also in the number of shells fired.

The IDF also denied initial press reports of a drone having

been flying above the area at the time of the shelling. The *Foreign Report* article, however, said that the UN investigation had a video film which was taken by a UNIFIL soldier at the time of the shelling from a UN post overlooking Kana which showed a drone in the air.

According to reports at the time, the Hizbullah gunmen fled into the UNIFIL base, apparently to take cover there in anticipation of IDF return fire, after they had fired the mortars and Katyusha rockets at the IDF troops in the field. It is still unknown whether the Hizbullah gunmen were among the casualties.

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL JERUSALEM
announces to the public
Effective Monday, May 20, 1996, the reception hours of the visa section will be changed. The section will now be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. This change will apply to all those seeking services related to immigrant and non-immigrant visas.

ELECTIONS
1996

A DEBATE IN ENGLISH

YOSSI BEILIN MK (Labor) **DAN MERIDOR MK (Likud)**

ZOA House, Rehov Ibn Gabirol, Tel Aviv, Friday morning, May 10, 10 a.m. Admission: NIS 5 (to cover costs)

Sponsored by: The Jerusalem Post, the Zionist Organization of America, the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, the British Oilm Society, the Hitachdut Olei Britannia, the English Speaking Residents' Association, and the South African Zionist Federation (Israel)

A qualified couple stonewalled by rejection

JUDY SIGEL-ITZKOVICH

If you think you have problems, read this. Your difficulties pale into insignificance compared to those of Benny and Sharon Tapiro, a newly married couple living in Holon.

Stick earplugs into your ears, hold two thin tubes in front of your eyes and peer through them. That's a mild approximation of how Benny Tapiro must go through life — and decades ahead, he may live in total darkness. The 32-year-old computer programmer was born deaf in Tel Aviv and later diagnosed with the rare genetic disorder inherited from his parents, two unknown carriers.

Usher's syndrome causes not only deafness but progressive and sometimes complete vision impairment. At present, he has tunnel vision, with a field of sight 20 degrees to each side, and difficulty balancing and getting around after dark, walking slowly due to his limited vision. He speaks in nearly incomprehensible squeaks, but communicates expertly in writing or sign language. Like Helen Keller, he may be doomed to lose two of the five human senses and is one of the few Usher's syndrome sufferers in Israel.

Stuff your ears with some cotton wool, cover your left eye with a patch, put on thick glasses that look like the bottom of cola bottles. That's what Sharon Tapiro has had to contend with since childhood. She was born in Ireland, hard of hearing, blind in one eye and with severe myopia in the other that prevents her from seeing more than five centimeters ahead of her without her glasses.

Her hearing prevents her from using the phone, so her fax machine is her window on the world. Sharon can hear people sitting close to her and is an excellent lip reader. She is the only hearing-disabled person in Israel who also suffers from severe nearsightedness.

So far unable to break through employers' rigidity about accepting only fully functioning employees, Benny and Sharon have two things going for them: they love each other — and they are well-qualified professionals. If only somebody would open his heart and give them a chance to prove themselves.

Benny and Sharon, both 32 years old, met at Gallaudet University, an institution of higher learning in Washington, DC, for some 4,000 deaf students from around the world. He has a bachelor's degree in computer science after seven years of rigorous studies there. Benny earned excellent marks in his computer courses: Cobol, Fortran, Basic, Pascal, Unix, VAX/VMS, ADA and Assembly computer languages. He was a computer instructor at a club for the deaf, and a computer programmer at Microbee and the Association for the Deaf in Tel Aviv, and a PC consultant and computer studies tutor at Gallaudet.

Sharon earned a BA in English writing, with experience in reading, analyzing and assembling data, literature and creative writing. She also knows Hebrew, but fast-tipped Israelis who have no patience to speak slowly confound her lip reading. She also was an actress in London and a Consumer Service intern in Washington.

But nearly a year after their altruistic aliyah, they remain without jobs — or even a single job offer. Both have sent their curriculum vitae to dozens of potential employers around the country, sometimes mentioning their handicaps, sometimes not. Those noting their physical limitations are almost always left unanswered; those not mentioning them often lead to further queries and even interviews, but when personnel managers meet them, they quickly turn cold.

"We thank you for your application. Unfortunately, at this stage we cannot offer you a job that suits your capabilities. If something relevant comes up, we'll be glad to contact you in the future," goes the standard form letters that have piled up discouragingly in the couple's modest rented apartment.

The rejection slips have been sent by large and small companies, including Tadiran Communications, Elscint, Elad Systems, Pilat, DSL, Malam Systems, Formula Software Services, Giga, Lanoptics, Aladdin

Matav, Motorola, LSI Logic, Netmanage and Intel, as well as the Open University, Hever Translations, Quality Translations, Campus Studies Ltd., Keshet, and many others.

Spending their time going over classified ads and fruitlessly making applications, they do their household chores and volunteer helping two disabled girls at the Deaf/Blind Club in Tel Aviv. In the meantime, their patience and their meager savings are running out.

They could probably find suitable work without much difficulty in the US, where discrimination against the disabled in work, housing and public places is barred not only theoretically but in practice. Employers there find that the disabled concentrate on their work undiverted by office noise and useless chattering and are highly productive.

While Benny feels he would have no choice but to return to the US if he can't get a job, Sharon says American society revolts her, and that she would prefer living here or, if there is no alternative, finding a job somewhere in Europe. Thus, their only chance of marital happiness and fulfillment is finding decent work here.

At first glance, they seem like an odd couple. Benny is short and a bit pudgy, and Sharon is tall and lanky, with long reddish-blond hair. They hold hands as she helps her husband maneuver through strange surroundings. But their paired eyes light up as they communicate with each other in sign language, soundlessly but excitedly, touchingly and warmly. They know that no one except the other can really understand how they feel.

Benny tells of his life struggles, while Sharon translates verbally, signing as she goes along so her husband can follow. Born deaf, he has two sisters and one brother — all of them normal. Benny went to a regular school in Tel Aviv. His hearing parents — the father manages a car-repair business in Ramat Gan and the mother is a cosmetician — thought he was a bright child, but drew pictures for him instead of using words.

When, at 12, he started having balance problems, he was taken to



Benny and Sharon Tapiro communicate by sign language. (Karen Ben-Zion)

a number of eye doctors for tests. Finally, an Assaf Harofeh Hospital doctor disclosed the problem: Usher's syndrome. It took him years more to understand the meaning of that life sentence. Nevertheless, Benny completed high school, where he was the only deaf pupil, with a full matriculation.

Wanting professional skills and liking math, he studied computer science for two years at the Ra'anana Rehabilitation Center. Then Micha (the association for deaf children) agreed to provide a scholarship and help send him to Gallaudet University, where he could continue his studies.

Benny recalls that he tried staying away from the deaf/blind students there, unconsciously rejecting the idea that his sight would progressively decline but not knowing if he would ever be totally blind. But one day, he attended a lecture at the deaf/blind club. He saw Sharon and was attracted by what he calls her "magic smile." They made a date to meet later, Sharon recalls, "and he was afraid I wouldn't come at all. But I came a minute early. I loved him and he loved me. I was very happy."

Sharon, born to a Jewish doctor father and a non-Jewish teacher mother, converted to Judaism and they married. The couple graduated in June 1995 from Gallaudet; the signature of university patron President Bill Clinton adorns their diplomas but apparently does not

Israeli-Moroccan duo research effects of Ramadan fasting on diabetes

JUDY SIGEL-ITZKOVICH

An Argentinian-born Jewish specialist in metabolism at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Medical School has initiated the first-ever study on the effects of the Moslem fast of Ramadan on diabetics.

The research, being carried out with the full cooperation of Morocco's University of Rabat Medical School, is reportedly the first completed joint scientific project carried out on an equal basis by researchers from Israel and an Arab country.

Dr. Maximino Maislos, director of the atherosclerosis and diabetes research unit at the BGU medical school and at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba initiated the project. Three hundred blood samples from 100 Moroccan diabetics were brought to Israel a few weeks ago by Prof. Abdel-Rahman Kadiri of the endocrinology department at the University of Rabat.

The 51-year-old Rabat physician met Maislos at a conference of the Foundation for Research of Ramadan held in Casablanca 16 months ago. Maislos had been invited to speak about a small study he had done with Dr. Yunes Abu-Rabia on a number of Israeli Beduin suffering from non-insulin-dependent (type II) diabetes who observed

the 30-day Moslem fast. The audience was impressed that an Israeli Jew was interested enough in the subject to pursue it.

Maislos and Kadiri met again at a conference in Stockholm and decided to carry out a joint study. Kadiri would provide three blood samples from each of the diabetics — residents of urban areas who fully observed the dawn-to-dusk fast — and Maislos and colleagues would carry out complicated tests on the samples. These results would be compared with 150 samples of blood taken from 50 rural Beduin diabetics in Rabat near Beersheba.

The Moroccan scientist came to Israel after Pessah. Yitzhak Levanon, head of the Foreign Ministry's North Africa Department, agreed to finance Kadiri's airfare; Soroka Hospital director-general Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg consented to cover the cost of testing the blood samples; and BGU president Dr. Avishai Braverman agreed to pay for hotel expenses.

Maislos had theorized that the 30 consecutive

days of fasting, followed by gorging on food at the end of each day, could play havoc with the insulin levels of diabetics and endanger their health. But preliminary results show that Moslems eat the same amount of food during a 24-hour period of Ramadan as they consume during an ordinary 24-hour period. So far, the tests have shown there were no differences between the levels of low-density lipoprotein before, during and after Ramadan. Patients did not suffer from hypoglycemia or any other complications. Ramadan-style fasting may even prove "very healthful" for diabetics.

The blood tests have been completed, but it will take another month for final computer analysis of the results of the 450 samples.

Maislos said Kadiri was very enthusiastic about his visit here and his contacts with Israeli doctors: "We believe this little project will lead to permanent cooperation in medical research between the University of Rabat and BGU."

Kadiri, who was accompanied by his wife on a tour of BGU and a visit to Jerusalem, said Beersheba's weather, food and sights reminded him of his country.

End of chemotherapy can cause changes to pre-treatment hair

RX FOR READERS POST HEALTH REPORTER

I have recovered from cancer after having a series of chemotherapy. Almost all my hair fell out during the treatment, but now, my hair is growing all over my head — including where I previously had a large bald spot. Are chemotherapy drugs bald men's hope for hair, or will the hair soon fall out? W.E., Jerusalem.

Dr. Ruth Isaacson, an oncologist at the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, responds: Hair falls out due to chemotherapy treatment, because these drugs need to be toxic to kill cancer cells, but they also temporarily damage rapidly dividing cells, such as those in the hair follicles. When the patient stops taking the drugs, their effect is reversed, and the hair follicles come to life again.

In some cases, the follicles behave differently. We have seen patients with straight locks whose hair becomes curly after treatment, and others whose gray hair returned to its natural color. Thin hair can become fuller. I personally haven't seen hair grow back on bald spots, but it certainly could happen. But there is no guarantee that these changes will remain forever.

It could say that way for months or a few years, however. Since chemotherapy drugs are toxic, they certainly couldn't be a conventional treatment for baldness or white hair.

By the way, there are devices we use at Shaare Zedek that cool the scalp and prevent hair loss in cancer patients, but this is effective only for certain types of chemotherapy drugs and cancers.

month, her neurologist should consider drugs to prevent them, such as beta blockers, anti-serotonin and anti-depression drugs. If her acute attacks are less frequent, they can be treated with a growing number of drugs, including sumatriptan (Imitrex is its commercial name) or a variety of non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs.

At her age, side effects can be minimal. As she gets older and her hormonal activity stabilizes, the attacks could become less frequent or less painful. Unfortunately, while migraine headaches can be alleviated or sometimes even prevented, there is no cure yet. Some people claim to have been helped by complementary-medicine techniques, but often this is just a placebo effect and the benefits are transitory.

Rx For Readers welcomes queries about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting, and replies will be printed in the twice-monthly column on the Health Page. Write Rx For Readers, c/o Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000, or fax 02-388527, giving your initials, age and place of residence. Phoned-in queries will not be accepted.

Telecare will 'bring' experts to small clinics

HEALTH SCAN POST HEALTH REPORTER

SOROKA Hospital is the only provider of major medical care in the entire southern half of Israel. The relatively vast distances between dispersed patients and the Beersheba hospital place it in a unique position for a pilot project testing the benefits of telemedicine.

The hospital's new telemedicine and telecare programs will enable medical specialists to see x-rays, ultrasound, and other scanning results on the screens of high-powered computers and recommend treatment.

In the first stage, clinics in Dimona and Kiryat Gat are to be linked via data-transmission lines to Soroka's new telemedicine center, which will function in cooperation with the Ben-Gurion University medical school.

Videoconferencing equipment will allow specialists to see patients in the two development towns and to consult with local physicians.

Data from echocardiograms, computerized tomography scans of stroke damage, sounds of heart murmurs, and video pictures of skin cancer will be transmitted via high-speed lines. In addition, Telecare will use these technologies to support caregivers of patients with dementia along with those who perform general nursing tasks.

Researchers and clinicians from various medical schools and hospitals will be able to share knowledge and cooperate on projects, bringing better health care to patients of all income levels and locations.

Eventually, the system could be used to link Soroka with doctors and patients elsewhere in the

Middle East. According to Soroka management, a complete change in the behavior and work habits of medical professionals could result from the program.

SAVE A CHILD

Wolfson Hospital in Holon is involved in a unique project to offer treatment to indigent children in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa who need heart surgery. Supported by a tax-free foundation in the US, the "Save a Child" project is directed by Dr. Amram Cohen, a pediatric surgeon who immigrated from the US four years ago, and administered by Sally Esakov.

The project has made contact with organizations in Moldova, the Palestinian Authority and Ethiopia that are trying to get treatment for children with congenital heart disease. Under an agreement with the Children's Heart Fund of Ethiopia, doctors and nurses from Ethiopia also are being trained at Wolfson to perform heart surgery.

In addition, a number of (non-Jewish) Ethiopian youngsters are undergoing corrective open-heart surgery in Holon and Wolfson doctors will go to Ethiopia to perform closed-heart surgery.

So far, two Ethiopian physicians have begun training at Wolfson and seven children have come for treatment, and two of them have already been sent home healthy.

The first Wolfson team will leave for Ethiopia in July. According to Cohen, some 800 open-heart operations are due to

than cancer and heart disease combined.

Exploding populations amid rampant poverty, inadequate preventive medical care and sanitation, misuse of antibiotics, and polluted water and air were blamed for the resurgence of long-latent diseases and the appearance of new killers such as toxic shock syndrome, Legionnaire's disease, and AIDS.

Disease control has become "crisis-driven, with ... governments reacting to epidemics, not preventing them, paying larger sums for treatment of disease rather than pennies a day for preventive measures," said the report. "We are on the verge of an epidemic of epidemics ... from a deadly mix of human-induced environmental and social changes."

CHRISTIANS GIVE AMBULANCES

The Christian Friends' Society Beit Shalom of Switzerland and Germany has donated three modern ambulances to Magen David Adom at a total cost of \$150,000. The ambulances will be deployed in Jerusalem, Rishon LeZion and Lod.

Over 700 members of the Swiss branch came to Israel for Independence Day and participated in the dedication ceremony for the ambulances at the IDF Armored Corps Museum at Latrun; it also was attended by Health Minister Ephraim Sneh and MDA director-general Amos Luria.

Beit Shalom has dedicated much of its fund-raising efforts in recent years to supporting Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin.

JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA I.B.A.

Music Director: David Shalton 1995-96 Season

THE JERUSALEM THEATRE 25th JUBILEE SPECIAL CONCERT

David Shalton, Conductor
Tabea Zimmermann, Viola
Steven Isserlis, Cello

Stanzitz Viola Concerto in D, Opus 1
Haydn Cello Concerto in D
Richard Strauss "Don Quixote"

Tuesday, 14.5 at 8.30 PM, Serover Hall
Tickets at the Jerusalem Theatre Box Office
The ISO "Bonus" will be exchanged without any additional payment.

OUT STANDING RECITALS IN JERUSALEM / concert no. 5

Great Musicians at the Tel-Aviv Arts Center

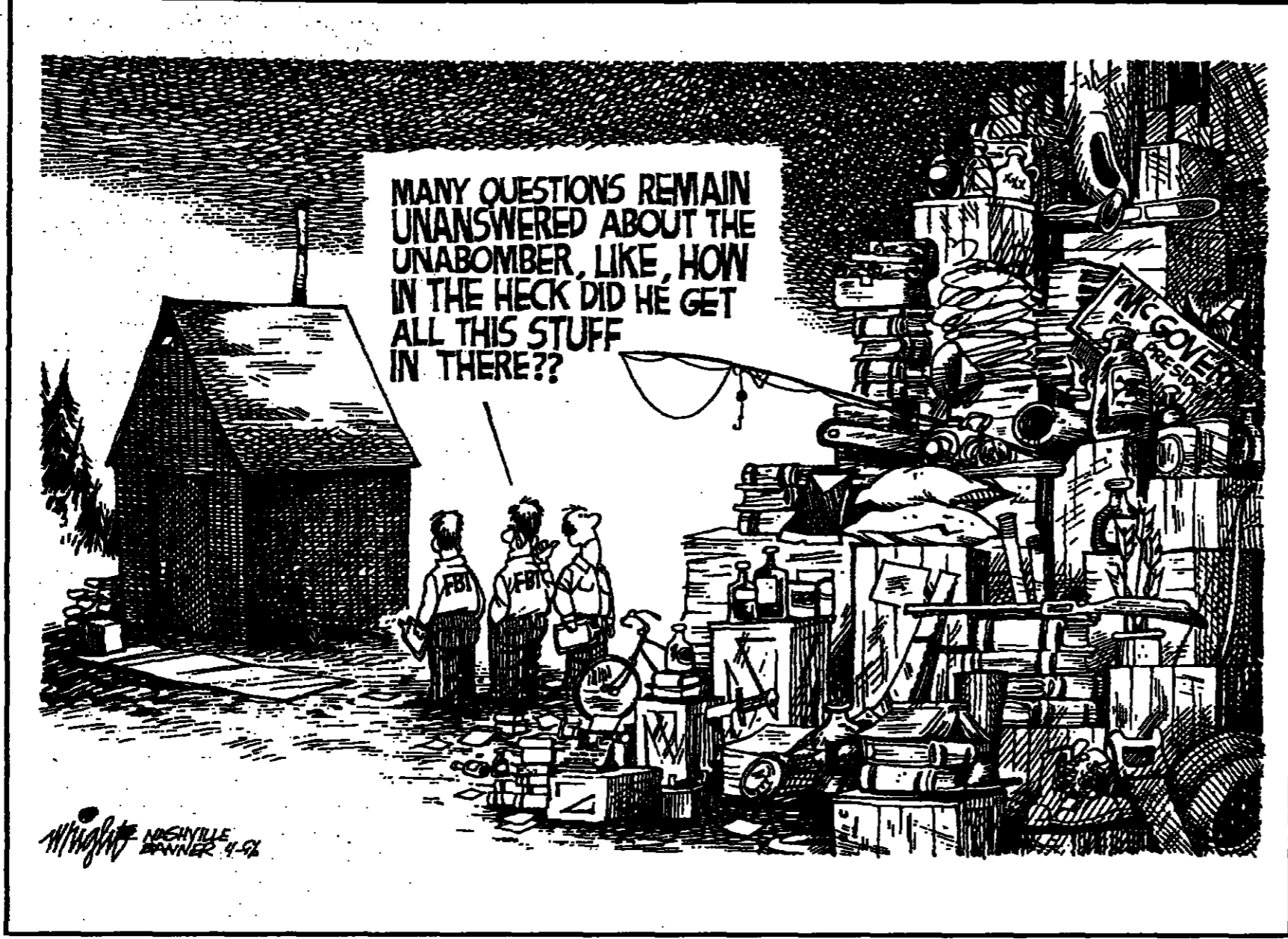
Tabea Zimmermann, Viola
Steven Isserlis, Cello
Itamar Colan, Piano

Bach Suite No. 3 for Cello solo
Schumann "Marchenbilder", for Viola and Piano
Beethoven "Scenes from Jewish Life" for Cello and Piano
Beethoven Duo for Viola and Cello
Brahms Trio, Opus 114

Friday, 17.5 at 8.30 PM, at the Tel-Aviv Performing Arts Center
Ticket at the Box Office, "Rocooco" Tel. 03-5276699
Saturday, 18.5 at 8.30 PM, Henry Crown Hall
Tickets at the Jerusalem Theatre Box Office, "Binot" and "Klaim"

AMERICAN OUTLOOK

Sunday, May 5, 1996



Clinton tape is hot commodity

By ROBERT NOVAK

White House aides are worried that last week's interrogation of President Clinton from Washington in the Little Rock-based Whitewater trial via television satellite will be pirated for use in the presidential campaign.

"I see Floyd Brown turning it into Clinton sound bites," one staffer said during a White House meeting. Brown produced the famous independent 1988 TV commercial linking presidential candidate Michael Dukakis with convicted killer Willie Horton and has since waged an unremitting war against Clinton with videotapes and newsletters.

Encoding the transmission from Little Rock to foil interception was discussed at the White House but apparently rejected, and Republican operatives are indeed eager to get their hands on tapes of Clinton's testimony. However, there are advisers to the president who are urging him to make all records of his testimony available to the public on grounds that he has nothing to hide.

GOP'S COMMUNICATOR

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, reflecting Republican despair over inability to get the party's message across to the public, has named a new deputy in charge of communications: Rep. John Kasich.

Kasich, the ebullient Ohio conservative who is chairman of the House Budget Committee, is a fiscal hard-liner who has disparaged Clinton administration overtures for a budget settlement as "bunk." But he is probably the member of the House Republican leadership team who is best liked by and most credible with the Washington news media.

Gingrich also views Kasich as the most effective communicator in a party lacking in that talent since Ronald Reagan left the White House. The speaker is giving Kasich responsibility for getting the Republican message on "earned media" broadcast time and print space that cannot be purchased.

WHITE HOUSE RIVALS

In the midst of Clinton's rise in the polls, White House aides report continuing hostility between his two political lieutenants: campaign consultant Dick Morris and Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes Jr. Morris' centrist strategy has carried the day at the White House, with the president co-opting such longtime Republican issues as the budget and taxes. Ickes, a veteran of New York City left-of-center politics, is largely relegated to operational duties.

That division of labor has prevented open warfare for the past several weeks, but animosity boils beneath the surface. It could explode when Clinton's current run of good luck is interrupted by inevitable setbacks.

LEAVING THE SENATE

If Democrats do not regain control of the Senate, Sen. Bob Graham may join the parade of senatorial retirements and run in 1998 for governor of Florida—a post he held from 1978 to 1986.

Graham would be the strongest Democratic candidate against a second try for governor by Republican Jeb Bush, who was narrowly defeated in 1994 by Democratic Gov. Lawton Chiles (ineligible to run for a third straight term in 1998). Bush, son of the former president, is a sympathetic political figure in Florida since post election disclosure of unsavory tactics by the Chiles campaign.

Graham was a nationally renowned figure as governor but has been submerged during 10 years in the Senate, particularly since the Republicans took control last year.

'CLOAK OF SHAME'

Former Republican Sen. Charles H. Percy of Illinois, outraged by what he called the administration's "green light" for Israel's bombardment of Lebanon, wrote Clinton April 19 that "you have woven for the United States a cloak of shame" that all Americans must wear.

The former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is now head of the Hariri Foundation, dedicated to rebuilding war-torn Lebanon.

By failing to condemn Israel's killing of civilians, Percy charged, the president made "all American citizens appear to be accomplices to [Israel's] enormous crimes against humanity." Clinton insists that Hezbollah guerrillas share guilt with Israel and has not condemned Israel for creating 500,000 refugees and killing more than 100 civilians.

Robert Novak is a nationally syndicated columnist of the Chicago Sun-Times.

Working girls

Pollsters try to predict new breed of voters

By HANNA ROSIN

You don't have to listen too closely to hear that familiar buzz of the angry Americans. But this election season, it's not the lumpen Joes who are cranky. They've been drowned out by their equally disgruntled better halves: the angry white females, America's hottest new swing vote. "Every poll shows that regardless of where they come from, less-educated blue-collar women are the largest group of volatile voters," says Mary Beth Cahill of Emily's List. "We've become convinced that winning them over is the key to Democratic fortunes."

Over the past year, Democratic pollsters have been jetting to places like Tacoma and Waukegan in search of non-college-educated women earning less than \$30,000 a year. What they've found is an open hydrant of disaffection just waiting to be tapped. The women are "depressed," "disgusted," indeed "royally disgusted" with politics and with their daily lives. They work 10 hours a day filing insurance forms or sorting out chicken parts and still can't pay the hospital bills. They take extra jobs at Christmas so they can phone in gifts to the Home Shopping Network. Few things in life give them pleasure: "Hope and Gloria" is one; Lotto is another.

Like most poll-driven logic, the Democrats' decision to focus on blue-collar women is grade-school simple. It's based on the concept of "drop-off" voters, people who voted in the 1992 presidential elections but stayed home from congressional races two years later, when the Democrats were hammered. Almost half of the "drop-off" voters were working-class women, pollsters have found, and sparking these women's interest in 1996 could win Democrats back the House and the White House.

Operation "Thelma and Louise" has already been road tested. It was conceived during the 1994 Senate race between Dianne Feinstein and Michael Huffington. Emily's List raided the voter files to find women who had voted in 1992 but who skipped the June primary and launched a blitzkrieg of phone calls and direct mail to 900,000 of them. They convinced almost half to

vote, and Feinstein squeaked through with only 165,000 votes.

Now the Clinton campaign has set up its own women's outreach office. But they don't stick to traditional women's issues like abortion rights and maternity leave. That's because, in their political views, blue-collar women tend more often than their yuppie sisters, to defy gender solidarity and to share many of the same concerns as their husbands. "We want to highlight what this president has done for women, but we define that broadly," says Stephenie Foster, who heads the office. "We'll focus on education, the environment, student loans, economic opportunity, health and safety."

"Every poll shows that regardless of where they come from, less-educated blue-collar women are the largest group of volatile voters."

But, judging from the Emily's List focus groups, winning over today's Norma Raes won't be a cakewalk. "What words come to mind when you think of Bill Clinton?", asks the focus group leader, a maternal figure in a blue shirt. "Wussy," answers one woman. "Pantywaist," adds another. The women see right through his boyish charm. "He really tries to act like he gets it, but he doesn't," says a woman with cropped gray hair. "He'll say one thing, and then two weeks later he'll say something else." The most they seem to feel for the president who has appointed more women to higher office than any before him is pity. "I think he's basically a good person. I mean, he tries," offers one woman hopefully.

Trying does count for something. Most of the women expressed visceral hostility toward Newt Gingrich and terror that he'd leave them in the cold; at least a dozen mentioned tax breaks to the rich and the death of Social Security. One woman talks about a stunt on welfare after her husband lost his job, "dressing scuzzy just so peo-

ple wouldn't look at me bad." But she also complains about "19-year-olds going to the welfare office with their babies, as if they owe us something. They don't owe us nothing." The struggle to break into the middle class seems to have left some of these women with a version of the immigrant's mentality — some sympathy in hard times is appreciated, but spare us the coddling.

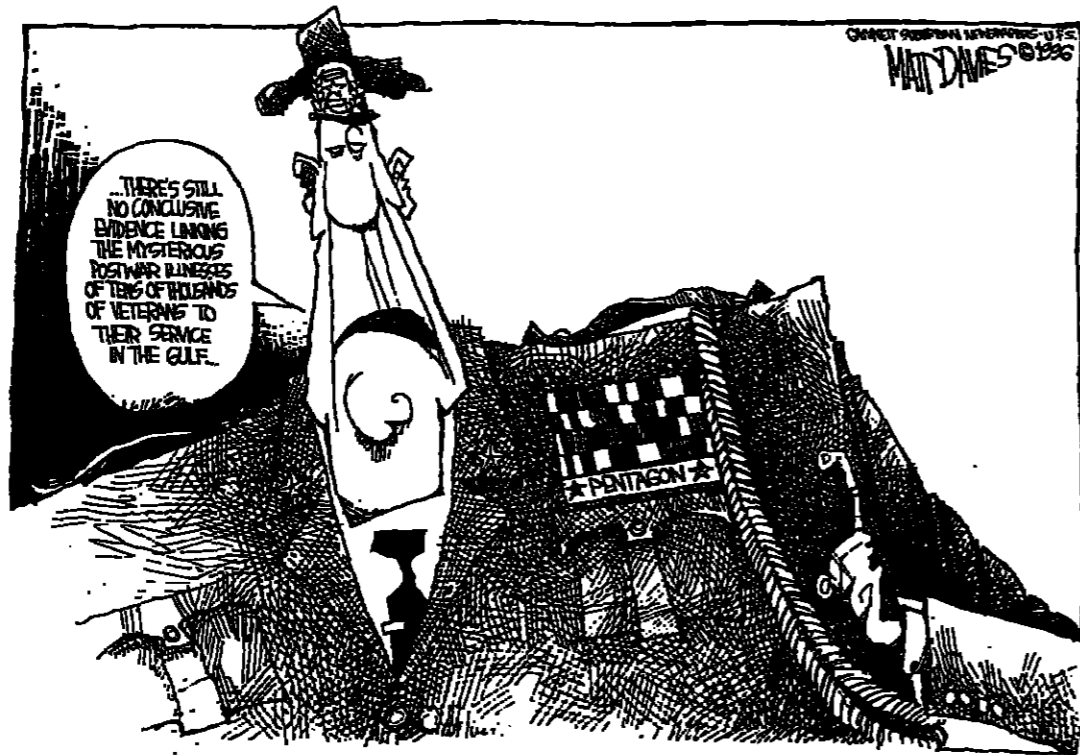
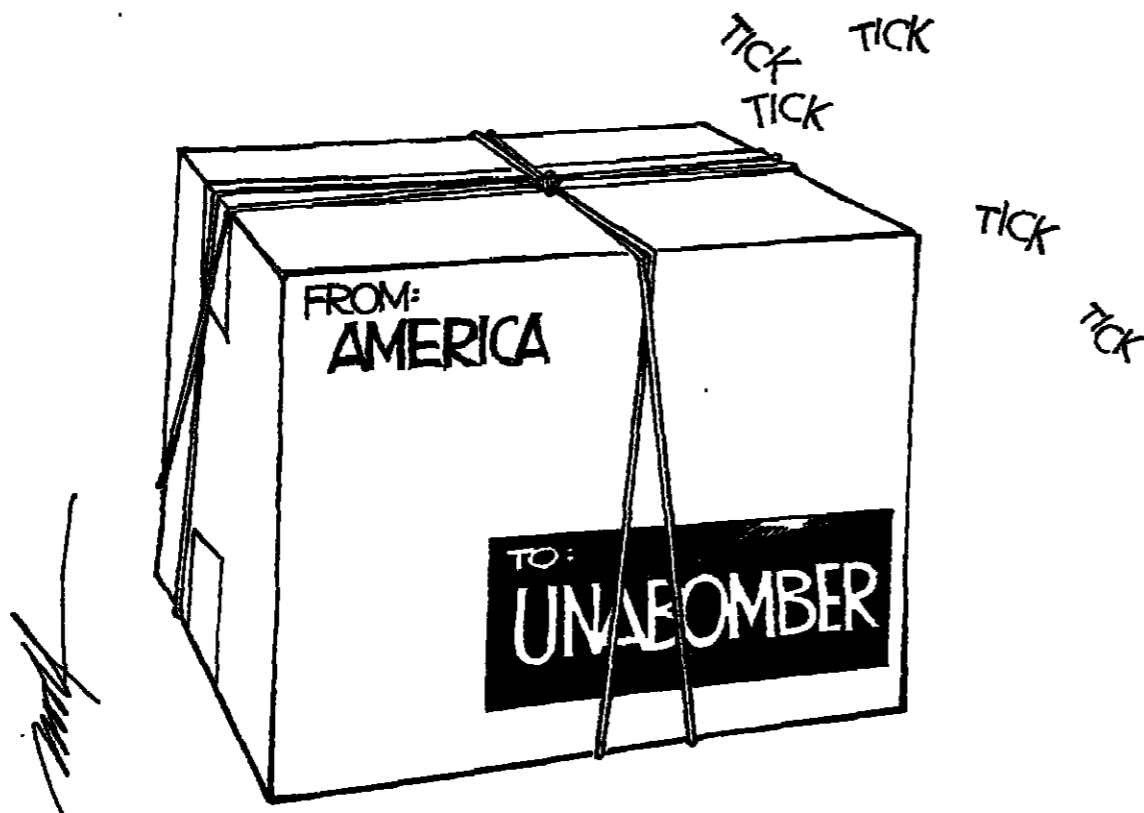
Immigration itself is another arena where Clintonism leaves the blue-collar women cold. Explaining why the women stayed home in 1994, Ellen Malcolm, president of Emily's List, writes that they were turned off by "public displays of bravado over... punishing illegal immigrants." But several women on the tapes sound a Buchananite note, complaining about the threat of foreigners, about the United States "sending money everywhere else when we don't do enough for our own country."

The women also slip in and out of identification with their own gender. Class bitterness seems to matter for them more than gender solidarity. After watching an ad for one candidate, they decide she wouldn't understand their lives because she looks "rich and wealthy," standing at a construction site in high heels.

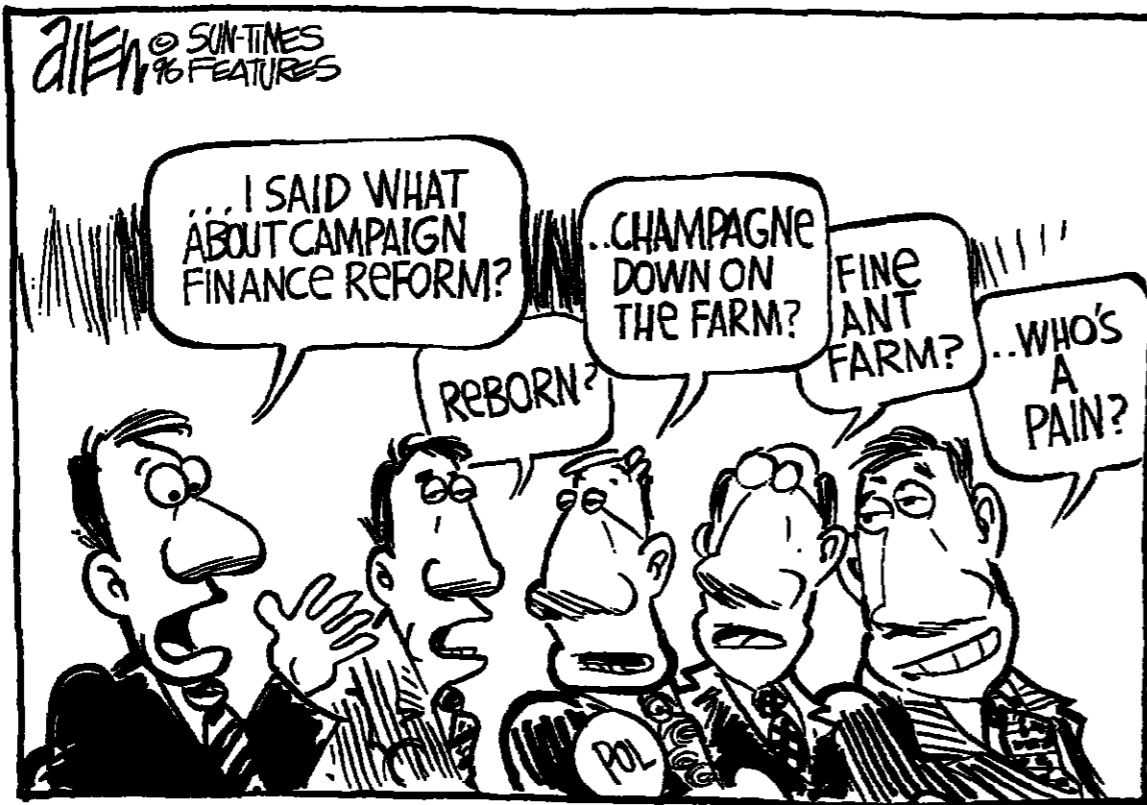
Still, Clinton could warm their blue hearts, in ways that Bob Dole, and probably no Republican, could. One concern the women articulate that their husbands don't is a desperate preoccupation with family values, based not on evangelical codewords, but on economic security. Unlike men, who focus on bank accounts, the women have a broader conception of shelter; they worry about basics — health insurance, child care and schools — issues on which Clinton has a clear advantage. Already the campaign has put out a pamphlet called "Family," in which women named Doty and Jackie fret about the future. It's treacly, but it's winning over even Southern white women, who, polls show, are deserting Republicans in droves. And it may spare us more stories of Hope, Ark.

Hanna Rosin is an associate editor of The New Republic.

EDITORIAL CARTOONS



ADVANCED GULF WAR SYNDROME...



Undercovering waste at the United Nations

BY CHARLES LANE

As the United Nations' special representative in former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi was infamously diffident in the face of Serb atrocities. A lifelong U.N. apparatchik, he conserves his enthusiasm for other causes—like the United Nations University. As Akashi explained in his memorable 1993 book, "An Agenda for Hope," UNU is a monument to "Japan's positive contributions" to the United Nations and "to the world, through the generation of new ideas and visions."

To the less visionary, however, the 14-story building, erected during Akashi's tenure as a U.N. undersecretary in his home capital of Tokyo, stands as a monument to U.N. pomposity and waste. Staffed by 63 people, UNU was built with \$100 million of Japan's money on land worth \$2 billion. "I've never seen any sign of the UN having a palpable impact on the outside world," Leslie Schenk, an American who served as the university's chief of personnel for seven years, told *The Washington Post* in 1992. If the United Nations had simply asked Japan to sell the land, and to donate the proceeds plus the cost of the building, the organization would have received an amount nearly equal to its operating budget in New York.

Keep UNU in mind as foreign-policy types vent their embarrassment over the \$1.6 billion in dues and peacekeeping costs the United States owes the United Nations. "DON'T CAPSIZE THE U.N.," cries *The New York Times* editorial page. In its news columns, the *Times* warns of dire cutbacks in such agencies as the World Health Organization and the United Nations Development Program. Some *Times* readers are so embarrassed that they have sent the United Nations their own contributions of \$4.40 each (the estimated per capita cost of retiring the U.S. debt). The campaign was kicked off by former Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, who is— you guessed it— "more and more embarrassed" by America's failure to pay.

As usual, the bad guys in this drama are the Republican Congress and especially Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, who is using his position as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to delay U.N. funding. Though Helms

has made an issue of the U.N. bureaucracy's legendary waste and corruption, his real agenda is the misguided one of getting rid of the United Nations altogether. But in this instance his extremism has also served a useful, clarifying function.

That's because the United Nations' financial crisis is not a crisis of America's making. The people who should really be embarrassed by the organization are the United Nations' own civil servants. For decades, they have righteously demanded more and more American cash, even as they have resisted efforts to introduce accountability into the out-of-control U.N. bureaucracy.

The United States has no right to withhold its money as a show of disagreement with any particular U.N. policy.

UNU is only a modest instance of the organization's penchant for mismanagement and gigantism. The WHO, for example, spends more than \$1 billion every two years and employs 6,000 staff and consultants. Since its founding in 1945, the Food and Agriculture Organization has spent over \$12 billion, with minimal impact on world hunger— perhaps because half of the money was spent on salaries and maintenance at its lavish Rome headquarters, according to the *Post*.

The basic problem is that the United Nations' budget is voted on by the General Assembly. Tiny nations, often corruptly governed themselves, who contribute only a fraction of the organization's resources, essentially have the power to decide how American money will be spent, which means they can treat it as a free source of patronage. And, since the United States has no veto in the General Assembly, its only leverage against this is the brusque, "embarrassing" one of withholding the money it is legally obligated to pay.

To be sure, the United States has no right to withhold its money as a show of disagreement with any particular U.N. policy or, like Senator Helms, out of contempt for the institution itself. Such a blunt attempt to buy polit-

ical outcomes would, as the *Times* argues, undermine an organization whose impartial credentials can be bent to American purposes—as in the Persian Gulf, Kurdistan, Haiti and elsewhere.

Still, a pro-U.N. case can be made for playing hardball on the money issue. The United Nations is both an ideal and an institution. By now, however, the institution has come to threaten the ideal.

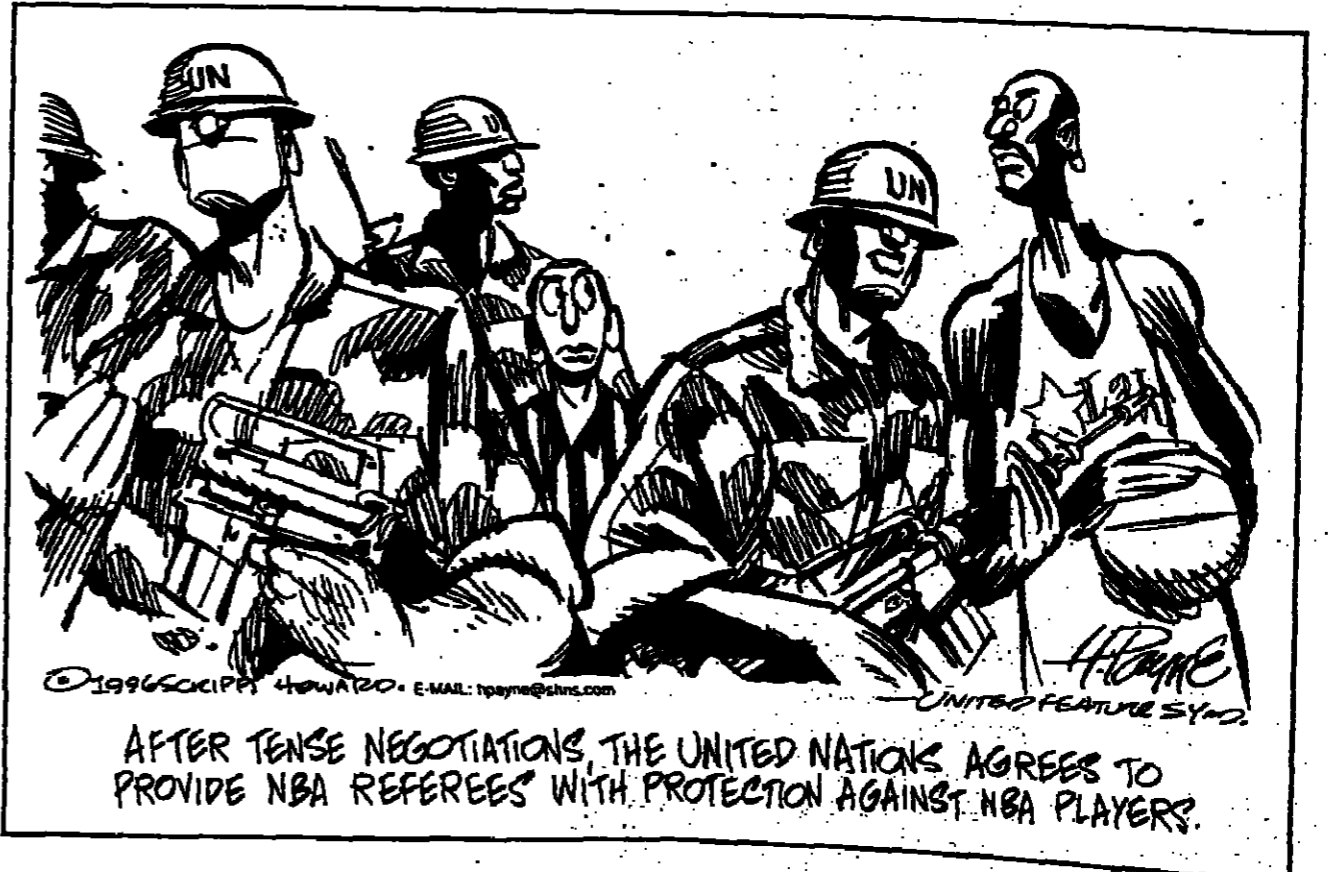
The way to extirpate this culture, is to starve it of the financial fuel on which it runs. Political realities are such, however, that the truly drastic reforms that the organization needs cannot be enacted by U.S. fiat. The question, then, is when to take "yes" for an answer from the United Nations. To date, the United Nations has grudgingly agreed to some U.S.-inspired reforms, such as the establishment of an inspector general's office, and a no-growth budget for 1996-1997. This would entail a cutback of over 10 percent in the organization's 10,000-person New York payroll.

The Clinton administration advocates paying U.S. arrears over five years, arguing to Congress that only after America has begun to do so will it have the credibility to insist that the United Nations go through with the layoffs, and with a reduction in the U.S. share of U.N. dues from 25 to 20 percent of the organization's budget. In the past, however, the General Assembly and the bureaucracy have found ways to renege on such promises. As a sign that things have really changed, Boutros-Ghali should publicly spell out a plan for cutting excess workers and commit himself to pushing the layoffs through the General Assembly. If the secretary-general won't be reasonable with Bill Clinton, he may find himself dealing with Jesse Helms.

Charles Lane is a senior editor of *The New Republic*.

© 1996, The New Republic

AMERICAN OUTLOOK
PRODUCED BY:
CHICAGO
SUN-TIMES
FEATURES
SYNDICATE



América

ing was
Nation

SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

G. B. TRUDEAU

PEANUTS

by Schulz

Steve

By Jerry Neider

Calvin and Hobbes

by Wherren

HI, MOM

CLAMS GOT MOMMIES?

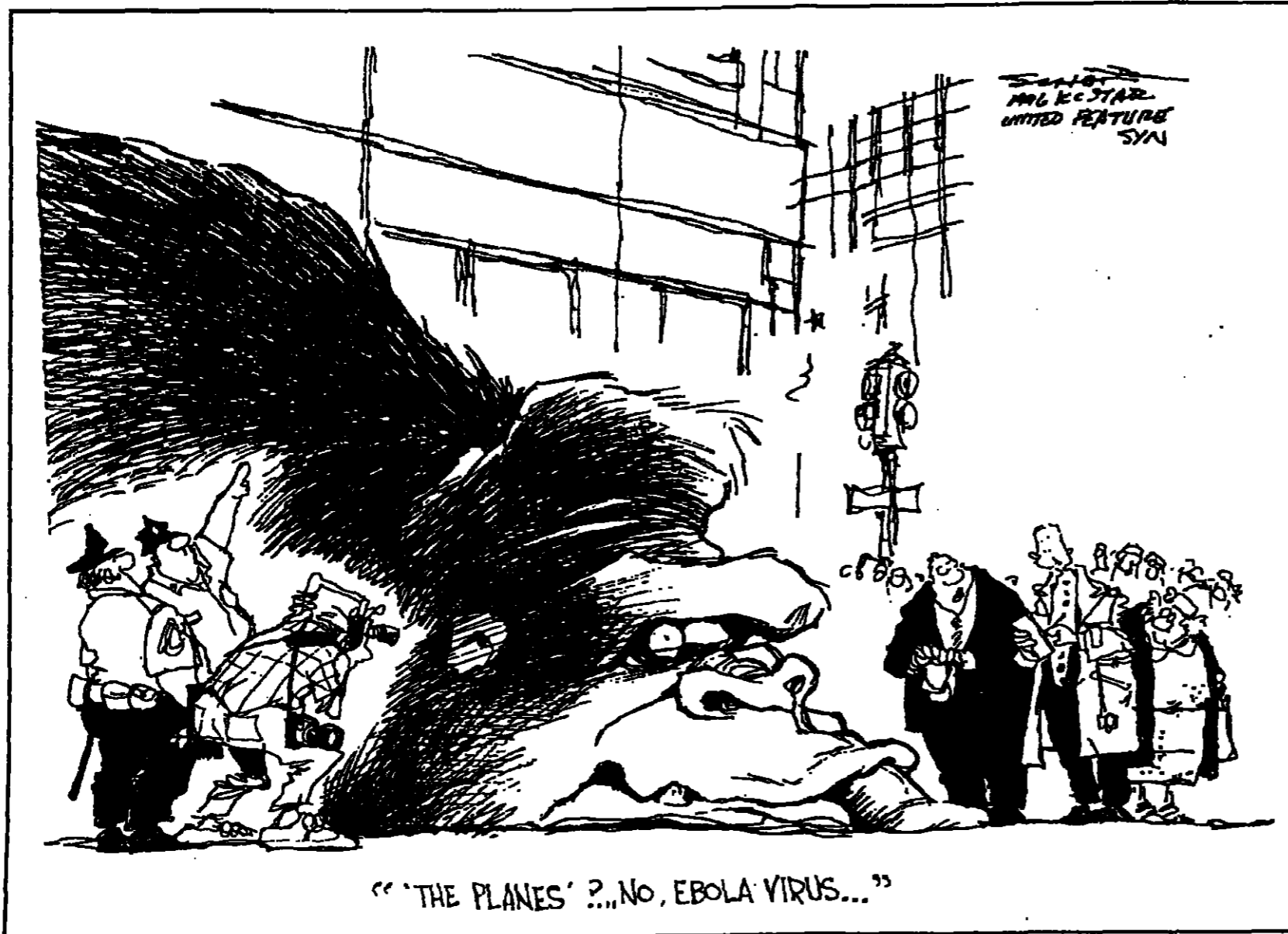
TODAY IS THE DAY WE SET ASIDE TO CELEBRATE THE ONE PERSON WITHOUT WHOM WE WOULDN'T EVEN EXIST.

WHAT A GREAT IDEA! OVER HERE WE TEND TO TAKE OUR ORTHODONTISTS FOR GRANTED.

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Soft drink
 - 5 7 Remember
 - 9 Bureau
 - 14 Jewish holiday
 - 19 Appraisal
 - 20 Eden dweller
 - 21 Very thin pancake
 - 22 Stared up
 - 23 Contracted
 - 24 Cavort
 - 25 Linda — ("Allo")
 - 26 Divide
 - 27 Was is me!
 - 28 Put forth wing
 - 30 Bit of lore
 - 32 — Park, Colorado
 - 34 Work unit
 - 35 Flaccid
 - 36 Orthodontist's org.
 - 37 Shows bird
 - 38 Certain Asian
 - 39 Forest unit
 - 40 Put forth effort
 - 42 Smart shot, in bowling
 - 45 Inmate
 - 47 Alternative word
 - 49 Chevrolet's cry
 - 50 Profession
 - 52 Author Jong
 - 53 Identical
 - 54 Timber piece
 - 55 Everlasting
 - 56 Latin word
 - 58 Area measure
 - 62 Name
 - 67 Digger
 - 68 Pary poopier
 - 70 Military cap
 - 71 Flange down
 - 72 Limp 'n
 - 74 Native American
 - 76 Find out
 - 77 Off balance
 - 78 Kind
 - 79 Low minsters
 - 81 Aromatic
 - 84 Mand (socks)
- DOWN**
- 1 Appetizer
 - 2 "Miss — Regret"
 - 3 Civil War general
 - 4 Sold further
 - 5 Earthly deposit
 - 6 Commotion
 - 7 Huge
 - 8 Electric unit
 - 9 Rights org.
 - 10 A Gasman
 - 11 Deceased
 - 12 Letter
 - 13 Actress Berger
 - 14 Free ticket
 - 15 Actress Mary
 - 16 Type of bed or boat
 - 17 It flows to the east
 - 18 Blend
 - 19 Take it easy
 - 20 Palm fruit
 - 21 Fall behind
 - 22 Logical
 - 23 Pitcher's stat
 - 26 Had a bite
 - 27 Roman
 - 28 Told a piping job
 - 29 — Hills, Indiana
 - 31 Drug
 - 33 Pitcher's stat
 - 36 Had a bite
 - 37 Roman
 - 38 Told a piping job
 - 39 — Hills, Indiana
 - 41 Type of bread
 - 42 Impulse
 - 44 Fades out
 - 45 Fruit finds
 - 46 Renewed energy
 - 51 Install new equipment
 - 53 Musical opening
 - 54 Supply food for the party
 - 55 In flight
 - 58 R.H. Muro
 - 57 Id —
 - 58 Shape
 - 60 Ard
 - 61 Two-footed animals
 - 63 — and Tyler too!
 - 65 Slightly open
 - 66 French head
 - 67 Lumberer
 - 68 King of the jungle
 - 70 African country
 - 72 Dangerous gas
 - 75 Keaton or Sawyer
 - 76 Mail post
 - 78 Attempt
 - 80 Debated
 - 82 — go bright
 - 83 Portable "blow"
 - 84 Chopped fine
 - 85 Without a partner
 - 86 Garnet
 - 89 Portable "blow"
 - 91 "One — the all"
 - 92 Author Baginoff
 - 93 Stupid person
 - 95 Warning device
 - 96 Find
 - 98 Wager
 - 100 Fortune-teller's name
 - 102 So-so
 - 103 San —, Italy
 - 106 Cheap
 - 107 Travel class
 - 108 Spoil
 - 111 Printing mistake
 - 112 Carried
 - 114 Male lace
 - 116 Flamed Brain
 - 118 Rector's assistant
 - 119 Recently made
 - 121 Logic
 - 122 Willow
 - 123 Units (metals)
 - 124 Seemingly pret.
 - 125 Cf a city
 - 126 — ear and out ...
 - 128 Bridal path
 - 131 Liquor container
 - 132 Comedian Lehr
 - 135 Externally
 - 136 "My Way" composer
 - 137 Ms. Ford
 - 138 The. Oer.
 - 141 Needlefish
 - 143 Author Fleming
 - 145 H-vv reader





"THE PLANES' ?... NO, EBOLA VIRUS..."

Clinton reluctantly signs Public Safety Act

By Jeffrey Rosen

He's very upset, says a senior administration official of President Clinton's decision to sign the "Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996." "It breaks his heart."

On the one hand, Clinton was reluctant to go down in history as the president who signed the first statutory limitations on habeas corpus since Magna Carta; on the other hand, there was Oklahoma City. So Clinton this week weepily girded himself for the signing ceremony.

But never mind the tears. The "Public Safety Act" is the nastiest piece of legislation that Clinton has signed during his four years in office, and his failure to veto it will be a permanent stain on his presidency.

To assuage their jittery consciences, Justice Department officials are suggesting that the real villain in the drama that led to the terrorism bill was the unholy alliance between the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Rifle Association. Before Oklahoma City, the administration proposed a series of measures for expanding the FBI's power to fight international terrorism, including a good-faith exception for illegally conducted wiretaps and greater access to credit records. Waving the banner of Ruby Ridge, a coalition of liberal civil libertarians and conservative anti-federalists persuaded Representative Bob Barr of Georgia to sponsor an amendment removing the Clinton proposals. As soon as the amendment passed last March, the NRA promptly withdrew its opposition to the terrorism bill, which sailed through the House and Senate with hardly any debate last week. "To me, the lesson is that an alliance between the radical right and the radical left serves the radical right," suggests a senior Justice Department official.

This narrative, however, omits two crucial protagonists: President Clinton and Senator Orrin Hatch. After the Oklahoma City bombing, Hatch saw a heaven-sent opportunity to enact the habeas corpus revolution that Republicans have been proposing for more than a decade. In an inspired bit of ambulance chasing, Hatch dragooned the parents of the Oklahoma bombing victims into endorsing his bill, even though none of them seemed to have a clue what "habeas corpus" meant. Clinton,

for his part, originally insisted in the wake of the bombing that habeas corpus reform had nothing to do with fighting terrorism. But last June, in one of the most egregious flip flops of his presidency, he announced on "Larry King Live" that habeas corpus reform "ought to be done in the context of this terrorism legislation." Two days later, the Senate obliged.

It's an irony, and not a very amusing one, that a Congress that pretends to be concerned about states' rights, and a president who claims to be devoted to civil liberties, have together passed the most illiberal crime bill since the McCarthy era.

How radically will the "Public Safety Act" of 1996 change the law of habeas corpus as we know it? Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan was perhaps a little rash when he compared Clinton's capitulation on habeas corpus to Lincoln's suspension of the Great Writ during the Civil War. Even after the habeas corpus act of 1867, habeas corpus was a relatively thin guarantee that someone couldn't be incarcerated without some kind of fair judicial hearing. After the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Allen* decision in 1953, however, habeas corpus was transformed into something different: a mechanism by which federal courts can review the substantive and procedural merits of every conviction (or a death penalty) handed down by state courts. The Hatch-Clinton bill would essentially return the law to its pre-1953 condition, requiring federal courts to defer to the legal and factual conclusions of state courts, unless the state court determination involved an "unreasonable application of clearly established federal law" or was based on an "unreasonable application of the facts."

This will have no impact at all on fighting terrorists (all of whom are prosecuted in federal rather than state courts in the first place) but will greatly increase the possibility that ordinary

defendants can be convicted or executed after a state trial that has been tainted with constitutional or factual errors. Nevertheless, the Rehnquist Court, on its own initiative, has been chipping away at habeas corpus for over the decade; and the Clinton-Hatch bill represents more of a coup de grace for the Warren Court's conception of habeas corpus than a drastic departure from the status quo.

Another land mine buried in the "Public Safety Act" will transform federal-state relations almost as radically as the habeas corpus reforms. Section 702 of the bill federalizes thousands of "assaults with a dangerous weapon" previously punished exclusively under state law, with sentences of up to 35 years in a federal prison. At the 11th hour, on April 15, the conference committee deleted a requirement that the conduct had to be politically motivated. As the law stands, therefore, the only limitation on the most dramatic federalization of state criminal law in American history is a requirement of criminal "involvement transcending national boundaries." But this could be satisfied by nothing more than evidence that the defendant used drugs imported from Canada or Mexico.

Finally, there are the immigration provisions. Previously rejected by bipartisan consensus, and smuggled in at the last minute by the conference committee, these provisions would allow the government to deport aliens based on secret evidence; would require the government summarily to exclude aliens who have entered the United States without inspection; and would allow the government to exclude aliens merely on the basis of their membership in illicit organizations. Even the current Supreme Court may well strike down these textbook violations of due process and the First Amendment.

It's an irony, and not a very amusing one, that a Congress that pretends to be concerned about states' rights, and a president who claims to be devoted to civil liberties, have together passed the most illiberal crime bill since the McCarthy era.

Jeffrey Rosen is the legal affairs editor of *The New Republic*.

Copyright 1996, The New Republic

Disney pulls the plug on racist talk

By Alan Dershowitz

What kind of a human being would publicly express the hope that Commerce Secretary Ron Brown would not survive, when news of his plane crash was first disclosed? What sort of classic racist would repeatedly argue that the skeletal structure of African-American faces was not designed for the speaking of civilized language? What manner of crude bigot would suggest that blacks were lower on the evolutionary scale than whites? What type of perverted person would compare minorities to "maggots on a hot day" who multiply so quickly that a mandatory sterilization program is called for?

No, these are not the words of a KKK or neo-Nazi leader — or a semi-literate drunk at a neighborhood bar. These were the commonly expressed thoughts of a daily talk-show host in New York City on WABC, a radio station owned by the Disney Corp. Nor were they only occasionally expressed or taken out of the usual context of the talk show's daily litany of racial hate. I have listened to an actual tape recording of several hours of excerpts from the Bob Grant show, which covers several years from 1992 to early 1996.

As you read the following quotations from Bob Grant, try to imagine how they sound when spoken in a mocking and race-baiting voice:

On Martin Luther King:
"If they didn't observe Martin Luther King Day there'd be trouble from the savages." "They're not satisfied with every third street being ML King boulevard... named after that scumbag Marty." (10/15/93).

On societal decay:
"We're dealing with subhumanoid savages... We're dealing with a lot of people who are much, much farther behind on the evolutionary scale — you understand what I'm saying?" (1-3-94).

On a black caller:
"His kind do have that problem [of forming words]. Maybe they weren't intended to speak a civilized language..." (9-16-93).

To another black caller:
"On the evolutionary scale you're about 25 generations behind me." (5-2-94).

On Magic Johnson:
"Why is it taking so long for the HIV to go to full-blown AIDS for crying out loud? I'm making novenas... If the guy would go into full-blown AIDS and deteriorate in front of our eyes and croak then maybe, maybe he could make a contribution." (10/1/92).

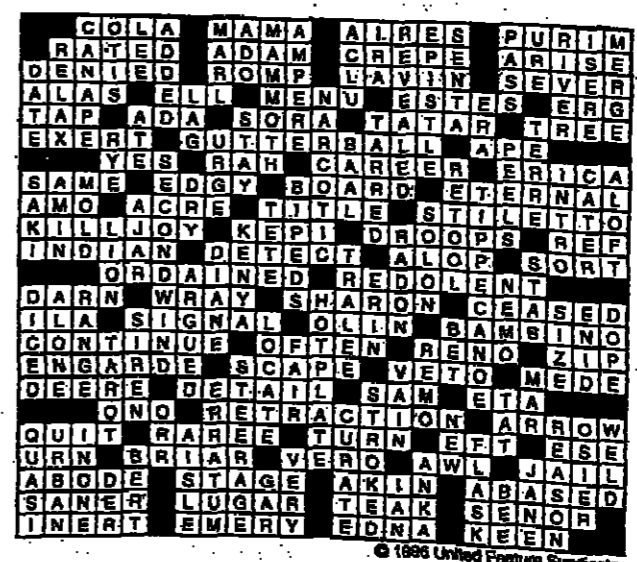
On Bill Clinton:
"Wouldn't that be incredible if he were HIV positive... wouldn't that be delicious, though." (5/26/93).

I was in the process of sending copies of this tape to all major Disney executives, as well as executives of ABC, when it was announced that Grant had been fired. I was asking them to listen to the tape and decide whether this is the kind of talk with which they, their companies, their stars, their sponsors, and their consumers want to be associated. The tape proves that these characterizations are factually correct and not mere name-calling. I can imagine no softer words to describe accurately the contents of the Grant program. When WABC took my talk show off their station — I am still on 50 other stations — for making these statements, they made it impossible for themselves to defend keeping Grant on their station because of a commitment to freedom of speech.

Had WABC decided to keep both Grant and me on their New York station — which would have been the best resolution — Disney and ABC could have plausibly argued that they were practicing freedom of expression by keeping open the marketplace of ideas. But by picking and choosing which speech they prefer — in this case more profitable racist speech over less profitable anti-racist speech — they forfeited the freedom of expression claim. They were forced to defend their preference on the merits. This they could not do, because Grant is a racist and his unanswered berating of minorities on a major radio station was legitimizing his brand of racism among many listeners who had previously heard such views only whispered in neighborhood bars. In the short term, Disney and ABC might have made more money from Grant's racism than from my anti-racism, but in the long run, neither Disney nor ABC would profit from being associated with a bigoted talk-show host like Grant. Disney had little choice if it was to preserve its important role as a leading communications company in a multi-racial world in which all of its consumers matter.

Alan M. Dershowitz is a professor of law at Harvard University. His newest book is "Reasonable Doubts" (Simon & Schuster).

©1996, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.



©1996 United Feature Syndicate

Amman-TA bus shuttle postponed

AMMAN (AP) - A bus shuttle between Amman and Tel Aviv has been postponed by "at least two weeks" to allow more time for technical preparations, Transportation Minister Nassir Lawzi said yesterday.

The bus service will not be launched today as previously announced due to "logistical and procedural matters," he said.

Lawzi explained that the transportation companies that will operate the Amman-Tel Aviv shuttle were not ready. He stressed that the delay has "no political bearings."

Transportation Minister Yisrael Kessar announced last night that Israel would also delay the beginning of its bus shuttle to Amman until Jordan begins its service.

Israel Radio reported. Jordan and Israel agreed March 18 to open their borders for vehicles transporting goods and passengers in line with their October 1994 peace treaty.

The previous arrangement allowed vehicles transporting passengers and goods to unload at border crossings between the two countries, but not to cross the frontier.

Under the new plan, tourist buses began traveling through the Arava crossing on April 1. Private cars from both sides began to cross the border on April 28.

Jordanian airliners began five weekly flights to Tel Aviv on April 7, while Israeli flights are expected to start later this month.



Border police block a group of Palestinian and Israeli labor activists, protesting the closure and demanding to return to their jobs, from passing a roadblock near Jerusalem yesterday. (Reuters)

WEATHER

Jerusalem	12-27
Tel Aviv	14-24
Beersheva	18-29
Haifa	14-24
Tiberias	14-31
Atula	13-29
Samarina	12-27
Dead Sea	21-35
East	21-37
Galilee	11-25

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear, warmer.

US activists decide against action on Agency's problems in Russia

AFTER Chairman Avraham Burg's whirlwind trip to New York and the publicity in the US last week about the Jewish Agency's problems in Russia, American Jewish advocates just wanted to lower the volume. Many feared that public pronouncements could inflame the agency's problems and ensnare other Jewish organizations in Russia.

"Everyone wants to put the genie back in the bottle," said one American Jewish leader.

Burg, in New York on Thursday, had informed American Jews about the situation via conference calls. Many had expected a "call to action" after reports in *The Washington Post* and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last week indicated that Burg thought the agency's problem was a cause for world Jewry, and not just a bilateral diplomatic issue between Moscow and Jerusalem.

However, Burg's signals were out of sync with those the Americans were getting from the Foreign Ministry, which was calling for restraint, sources said.

In the end, "there was no call for broad-based communal action," said Mark Levin,

director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Instead, he said Friday, people were asked to stay apprised of events and "express concern in an appropriate way."

"There was a clear consensus that to induce public action or any media attention would be counterproductive," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "This is not the time for public posturing."

Advocates were agitated about the way in which the issue was being handled, even as the underlying cause and significance of the Russian action remained unclear. Instead of solving its problem, the Jewish Agency was expanding the conflict and exporting it to the US, said numerous advocates, none of whom would be identified.

What should have been a bilateral issue between Israel and Russia appeared to be growing into an affair that involved the US,

which has no quarrel with Moscow, they said.

In addition, some Americans were taken aback by newspaper reports that Burg said he had "summoned" Alexander Bovin, the Russian envoy to Israel, to a meeting.

"Does the Jewish Agency think it is the Foreign Ministry?" one source asked.

Burg was unavailable for comment in New York after his talks with American Jews. On Thursday, Burg also signed an agreement with the Swiss Bankers Association about dormant accounts from the Holocaust era.

On Wednesday, the day *The Washington Post* report appeared, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said the US is concerned about restrictions on the Jewish Agency.

"One of the most important aspects of political reform in Russia from the standpoint of the United States has, of course, been freedom for Russian citizens to emigrate. We expect that Russian citizens will continue to be able to exercise that right," Davies said, noting that there was no indication that Russia would end emigration.

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

Messianic Jews plan to plant 'messianic forest'

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

TWO messianic Jewish groups want roots in Israel - 10,000 of them. The Messianic Jewish Alliance of America and the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations plan to plant 10,000 trees through the Jewish National Fund for what the groups are calling a "messianic forest," *The Forward* reported in New York.

"We don't ask the pedigree of everyone who calls to plant a tree," JNF spokesman Mark Cohen told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday. "If the group is not doing anything [contrary] to JNF, we don't say no."

JNF has forests and woods in honor or memory of many non-

Jews, Cohen said, citing Pope John Paul II, John Lennon, country singer Johnny Cash and Jane Fonda.

However, the JNF worked out a special agreement with the messianic groups, whose efforts to convert Jews angered the Jewish community.

According to the agreement, Cohen said, "They in no form or fashion use the words 'messiah' or 'messianic' in promotional literature asking constituents to plant trees."

JNF, which stands to earn \$50,000 from the sales, also eschews the word "messiah." The groups' plaque will read, "MIAA-UMJC Forest."

AROUND THE WORLD

City	Low	High	Cloud
Amsterdam	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy
Berlin	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy
Brussels	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy
London	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy
Paris	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy
Rome	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy
Toronto	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy
Washington	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy
Yokohama	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy
Zurich	10-12	15-18	partly cloudy

Barak to travel to US tomorrow

FOREIGN Minister Ehud Barak is to travel to the US tomorrow, where he will meet with Jewish community leaders in New York. On Wednesday, he will fly to Washington to discuss renewing final status talks with the Palestinians and proposals for reaching an agreement with Syria with Secretary of State Warren Christopher. He will return here on Thursday.

Labor to call for Knesset session on State Comptroller's Report

THE Labor Party intends to call a special Knesset session this week for a discussion of the State Comptroller's Report.

Labor Party faction head Ra'anan Cohen has submitted the 30 signatures necessary to convene the plenum. According to Labor, the Likud is trying to use the report as political ammunition.

In a statement issued last night, Cohen said that in contrast to the 1992 report - which "revealed gravest irregularities" - the recent report was "routine and reason-

able."

"The small number of irregularities which were found in the report will be soon corrected, even without considering the Likud's attempt to use it for political purposes," the party said.

Cohen said the Likud "would do best to concentrate on the significant matters in the report such as the war on traffic accidents and the inequality of reserve duty, instead of searching for and inventing criticism that is not relevant."

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir is expected to take over as ambassador to China on May 22, a week before the elections.

The posting was approved by the Foreign Ministry's appointments committee in a special speeded-up process several days after the Labor primaries. There was fear in Labor that if the Likud won the elections, Namir's appointment would be canceled.

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak proposed giving Namir the post as compensation for her disappoint-

ing showing in the primaries: second place among the women candidates, but only 18th overall on the Labor list. As a result, her chances of receiving a ministerial post in any new Peres government were almost nonexistent.

Barak heard from Namir about the very close relations she had recently established with some of the Chinese ministers, and initiated her appointment. As part of the package deal that allowed her to be appointed, it was agreed that current ambassador to China Moshe Ben-Ya'acov would become

ambassador to Japan, in place of Amos Manor, who will retire.

Namir, lost out to Rabin in a bid to head the party in 1992, and was later appointed environment minister while Rabin held Labor and Social Affairs, hoping to lure United Torah Judaism with the portfolio. However, that never happened, and she was granted the Labor and Social Affairs portfolio, which she held for three years.

Upon her taking up the post in Beijing, the portfolio will be temporarily held by Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Namir to take up post in China before election

'Hametz' takes honors as top local play of 1995

HELEN KAYE

THE theater community honored its own at the first ever Israel Theater Prize awards ceremony at Tel Aviv's Dahl Auditorium on Thursday night.

Stamuel Hasfari's post-Zionist drama, *Hametz*, won top honors, but the evening's high spot and most emotional moment was the presentation of a Life Achievement award to playwright and recent Israel Prize winner Nissim Aloni.

Aloni, who is still recuperating from a stroke he suffered some two years ago, sat in the front row. Actor Yossi Banai, who presented Aloni with his prize, timed the frail-looking playwright around so he could see the standing ovation he got.

Hametz was named best play of 1995 and Hasfari best playwright. Going on stage to receive his statuette, designed for the event by Ruth Dar, Hasfari said: "You need a lot of courage to get up here and receive a prize for playwrighting in the presence of Nissim Aloni."

The drama, a Beit Liessan production, also won Miriam Zohar

and Dvora Kedar the best actress and "best supporting" actress awards, respectively.

"The Habima Theater's *The Good Soldier Schweik* won best comedy and best translator for author/sculptor Amos Kenan.

Gesher theater artistic director Yevgeny Arye was named best director for *Tartuffe*.

Menahem Golan's production of *The Sound of Music* was named best musical.

Shuli Rand won best actor for his roles in *Pollard and Agape*, at the Cameri Theater and Yitzhak-Hizkiya was named best supporting actor for *A Funny Thing Happened...* (Cameri).

Shiri Golan and Yoram Hatab, were named most promising newcomers and the awards for best set, costume and lighting went respectively to Ruth Dar, Anna Khrushchova, and Avi Yona (Bambli) Bueno.

Arkadi Duchin won composer of the year for four productions including *Hametz*, and Jetta Luky, was named entertainer of the year.

Arab writer Emile Habibi buried in Haifa

EMILE Habibi, the country's leading Arab writer who died Thursday of cancer at 74, was buried Friday at the Protestant cemetery in his home town of Haifa.

Earlier, hundreds filed past his coffin at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, including Arab and Jewish writers, intellectuals and politicians. The government was represented by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni.

At the basilica in Nazareth, Habibi was eulogized by exiled Arab poet Mahmoud Darwish, who was given special permission by the government to attend the funeral.

Darwish, a member of the PNC, refused to attend last week's Gaza conference at which the PNC agreed to revoke sections of the Palestinian Covenant that called for the destruction of Israel. (AP)

DO YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR AUNTIE?

Surprise your family and friends with a GIFT they'll enjoy month after month

A subscription to one of the youth magazines of *The Jerusalem Post*

These monthly papers are presented in an attractive, easy-to-read format. They contain lively and exciting reading on topics of interest to Israeli youth, plus activity pages related to the different articles. They appear once a month (10 issues per year) and are mailed directly to the subscriber's home.

A year's subscription to any one of the papers

NIS 89 (price includes VAT and postage)

ZOOM English for Children for ages 9-12

YOURS Easy English for ages 12-14

HEY THERE! Intermediate Level for ages 14-16

STUDENT POST Advanced Level for ages 16-18

TO SUBSCRIBE: Fill in the coupon and mail it along with a check to: The Jerusalem Post Youth Magazines P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem 91000

DIAL AND SUBSCRIBE Payment by credit cards Sun-Thur. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 02-315645

YES. Please send me (indicate the publication):

ZOOM (children)

YOURS (easy)

HEY THERE! (intermediate)

STUDENT POST (advanced)

Full Name.....

Address.....

Zip Code..... Tel.....

I enclose a check for NIS..... payable to The Jerusalem Post.

New medical treatment for leg pains

For diabetics

OLSHANITSKI METHOD®

D.F.S. (Diabetic Foot Solution)

I.L.S. (Ischaemic Leg Solution)

Tel. 03-7512889 Clinic: 155 Jabotinsky St., Ramat Gan

ISRAEL - NEW ROAD ATLAS

97 pages of superb tourist information. Detailed road maps, with even the smallest settlements, all of Israel's roads, interchanges and junctions, gas stations, campsites, etc., clearly marked. Large scale maps of Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem metropolitan areas, with main streets and major tourist attractions indicated. 63 color illustrations of each interchange on Israel's motorways. An absolute necessity for every motorist planning a trip in Israel.

Softcover, spiral bound, large format. Published by MAP and MOD Publishing House.

Recommended retail price: NIS 79.00 JP price NIS 75.00, inc. VAT and postage

To: Books, The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem 91000. Please send me ISRAEL - The New Road Atlas Enclosed please find my check for NIS 75 per copy, payable to The Jerusalem Post, or credit card details. For airmail abroad please add NIS 18.00.

VISA ISRACARD DINERS

Name.....

Address.....

City..... Code..... Tel. (day).....

ID..... Signature.....

Handwritten signature or mark at the bottom right of the page.